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WILLIAM EDWARD MINAHAN.

Faith in the nobility of man is renewed when such heroic figures as Dr. William Edward Minahan meet death calmly, quietly and without fear, a man who had himself so often staid the hand of death as it reached out to others. His character was as clear as the sunlight. No man came to know him but appreciated him at his true worth, recognizing the fact that he not only cherished a high ideal of duty but lived up to it. He constantly labored for the right and in the avenue of his profession devoted a large portion of his time to the service of others. He was not an idle sentimentalist but a worker and, recognizing the field in which he might render efficient aid to his fellowmen, he labored therein. A man of high professional attainments and of high character, his loss is felt wherever he was known and most of all where he was best known. A native of Chilton, Calumet county, Wisconsin, he there spent his youthful days in the home of his parents, William B. and Mary (Shanasy) Minahan, both of whom were natives of Ireland and became early settlers of Calumet county. Upon their removal from the New England states in the early '40s they located first in the town of Russell, Sheboygan county, but removed to Chilton before the Civil war. The father engaged in both farming and teaching and became one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of Calumet county. He was a man of exceptional education and culture and aside from his work as an instructor was for many years county superintendent of schools. He reared a large family of children, who enjoyed excellent educational advantages and who became a credit to their parents. Mrs. William B. Minahan died about eight years ago, survived for two years by her husband. In the family were six sons and four daughters, the brothers of Dr. Minahan being: Robert, a surgeon of Green Bay; John R., also engaged in the practice of surgery there; Victor I., an attorney of Green Bay; Hugh, living in San Francisco, California; and James, deceased. The daughters of the family are: Ella, living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mary, the wife of John McCormick, of Green Bay; Grace, the wife of Dean Philleo, of Grand Rapids; and Daisy, of Green Bay.

At the usual age Dr. Minahan entered the public schools of his native town, wherein he pursued his education until graduated from the high school. He was also for a time a student in the normal school at Oshkosh but in the meantime had entered the newspaper field, working for some time as a printer and in other capacities on the Chilton Times, one of the oldest papers of the state. His normal course was pursued with a thought of taking up the teacher's profession but serious consideration of the subject of a life work led to his adoption of the medical profession and with this end in view he entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated with high honors in the class of 1891. He then located for practice in Calumetville, succeeding to the practice of his brother, Dr. R. E. Minahan, who had removed to Green Bay. He came to Fond du Lac in 1899. His practice here was large and of an important character and it was characteristic of Dr. Minahan that he would respond as readily to the call of one from whom he could expect no pecuniary reward as to those who were well able to pay him a large fee. It was well known that he did a great amount of charity practice. He was particularly skilful in surgery and specialized in that field. His time was largely concentrated upon his professional duties and his careful preparation for the responsibilities of his chosen life work. He did

not consider his duties ended with his graduation from college but carried his researches and investigations far and wide into the realms of the medical science, gleaned therefrom many valuable truths directly bearing upon the laws of health. He also kept in touch with the advanced work of the profession through his membership in the county and state medical societies. He was also a member of the Business Men's Association of Fond du Lac but otherwise held aloof from membership connections, preferring to give his undivided thought and attention to his home and to his professional duties.

On the 3d of February, 1903, in Arkansas City, Kansas, Dr. Minahan was married to Miss Lillian Thorpe, a daughter of S. and Frances Thorpe, of that city. Early in the year 1912 Dr. Minahan went abroad, accompanied by his wife and his sister Daisy. At various places along the line of their travel he sent a friendly greeting to the many friends remaining at home and spoke with eager anticipations of his return, to which he looked forward with equal pleasure. Fate interposed, however, for passage was engaged on the steamship Titanic and Dr. Minahan was numbered among the dead of the greatest marine disaster in history. His wife and sister were among those placed in the lifeboats, while Dr. Minahan remained with that heroic band of men that calmly and courageously faced death. Such an act on his part was characteristic of his entire life and when the crisis came he was ready for the emergency. One of the local papers said at the time of the awful disaster: "Those who knew him best are confident that even if Dr. Minahan had been given the opportunity to escape in the lifeboats from the Titanic he would have preferred to remain on the liner himself rather than take the place of some one else who might be saved. It is easy to picture him walking about among the frenzied people who were facing their doom as the giant liner sank lower and lower, striving to give the same aid and comfort that characterized his work here. The loss caused by his demise is one which cannot be estimated, for during his many years of residence here his worth to the community was far greater than the monetary returns he received for the service his efficiency as a physician and surgeon enabled him to give. There are hundreds of homes in this vicinity where he has brought comfort and relief to sufferers without any thought on his part of financial gain." His fellow practitioners spoke of him in terms of highest regard. One said: "Dr. Minahan was an untiring student, a clever diagnostician, a kind physician and a wonderfully pleasing man socially." Another said: "As a physician and surgeon he attained a high degree of efficiency and as a citizen he was a credit to the city." "Dr. Minahan was an able physician," said another. "His cheerful disposition won him friends and his manner inspired confidence." Another's voiced sentiment was: "In the death of Dr. Minahan the community loses one of its truly great men. As a citizen he stood for all that was best; and as a physician he was eminent. His loss is felt by all who knew the man, but it is upon his former patients that the blow falls most severely. To them, in the hour of sickness, his coming was like a ray of sunshine, due to a personality which was a strong attribute of the man." His friends will miss him but his life, strong and purposeful, characterized by noble thoughts, and his manner, by sincerity and simplicity, will not be forgotten. He reached the supreme point of greatness in the hour of his death but the beauty of his better self lives on.

LEONARD T. BAKER.

The history of Leonard T. Baker, told in detail, would be very largely a history of Fond du Lac county. Arriving here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Baker, when he was himself a boy of only fourteen years, and at a period which antedated the founding of the city of Fond du Lac by four years, he may

justly lay claim to charter membership in the class of earliest pioneers. His boyhood and young manhood were spent in this vicinity, all his life in fact except a period of some fifteen years, two years of which were spent on the Pacific coast and thirteen in Minnesota. Thus through personal identification with the earliest pioneer work of the county and by an actual residence of more than half a century, Leonard T. Baker has had a potent part in the development of the county, while his successful business career and the high esteem in which he is held bear witness, as nothing else could, to his real worth as a citizen.

Leonard T. Baker, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Baker, was born in the town of Fort Ann, Washington county, New York, June, 2, 1834, and was a lad of fourteen years at the time of the removal of the family to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. Landing at Sheboygan from which port the elder Baker had been told he could more easily reach the land in Fond du Lac county which he had selected as his pioneer home, the party found it necessary to actually "hew their way" across the country to their destination, there being no road and scarcely so much as a trail. For this, however, they were fairly well prepared as Abner Baker had brought with him men to help clear and place under cultivation his lands. Journeying slowly by day and camping out in the dense woods by night, the women sleeping in the wagons and the men on bunks of boughs, except the sentinel who kept a bright fire burning to protect the travelers from the wolves, these pioneers proceeded steadily to their new home.

Arriving at their destination in what is now the town of Empire and some seven miles east of the city of Fond du Lac, they set about the task of home building and farm developing amid virgin timber and on soil that is still famous for its fertility. That young Baker did his full part in that work which was indeed a man's work, and bore his full share of the hardships incident to pioneer life is well known. Industrious, alert, aggressive he was an invaluable aid from the beginning and it was there amid those trying scenes that he developed that sturdiness of character and determination which have been such factors in his success throughout life. In those days Indians were numerous, deer and other kinds of wild game were to be had in abundance and wolves were always lurking near, ready to raid the farm yard and carry off poultry and young stock. One winter the wolves had been especially annoying and had all but annihilated the Baker flock of chickens. A visit to the Gov. Doty home one day was rewarded by the gift of a whole "brood" and the chicks were cherished with such care that when an unusually cold spell came on, Mary, young Baker's sister, and later Mrs. T. F. Mayham, knit stockings for the birds and brought them all safely through.

Young Baker continued his education in one of the old-time log school-houses, and while he endured all the hardships incident to the life of a pioneer, enjoyed his share of the pleasures of those days. Whole-souled and congenial these early settlers were much given to social gatherings whenever it was possible to assemble at the home of one or the other.

When twenty-two years of age Leonard T. Baker concluded he would set out on his own account, and, accordingly, went to California, by way of the isthmus. He spent two years in mining on the Pacific coast and then returned to Wisconsin, after which he homesteaded a farm in Claremont, Dodge county, Minnesota. He remained in Minnesota for thirteen years at the end of which time he returned to Fond du Lac and engaged in the nursery business, which he continued without interruption, till 1910, having developed a large and profitable business. He then retired from active business, feeling that he was well entitled to a period of rest and an opportunity to spend the evening of his life in the full enjoyment of the fruits of his industry. Mr. Baker has passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey, and his mind is keen, alert and active.

On the 19th of November, 1862, occurred the marriage of Leonard T. Baker and Miss Catherine Marcella McGauley, who was born at Greenville, Greene

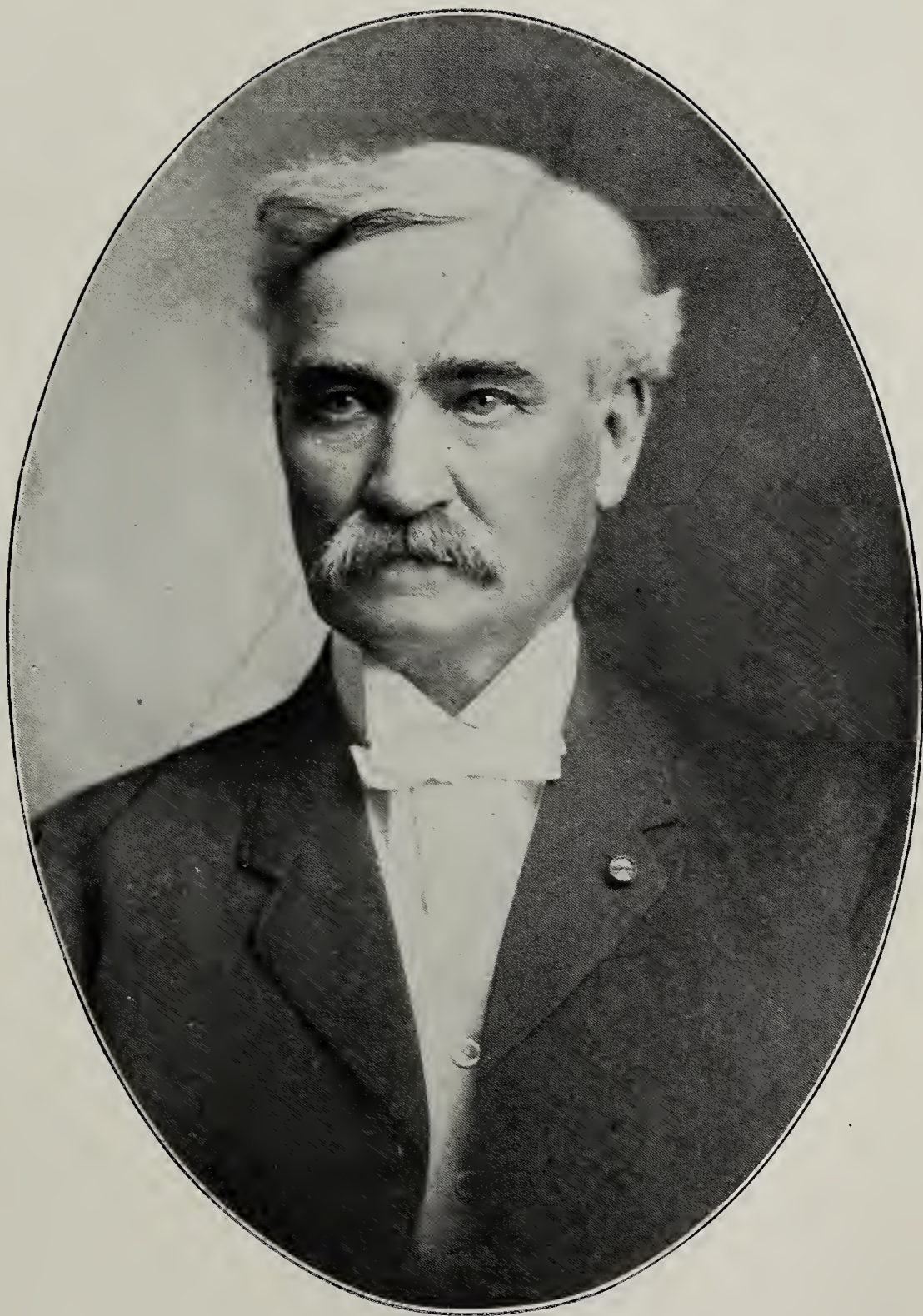
county, New York, June 30, 1839, and is a daughter of Peter and Lucinda (O'Hara) McGauley. Ten children have blessed their union, of whom four died in childhood. Alexander P., who is engaged in the collection and insurance business in Fond du Lac, married Emma Becker, and after her death, Ella Bellach. Harry Jerome, a nurseryman, of Fond du Lac, married Verena Huck and they have five children: Leonard J., Verena Marcella, Calista Anastasia, Mary Elizabeth and Monica Lucile. Francis M., who was the third of the children of the Baker family that reached adult age, was a practicing physician of Fond du Lac, where he died December 30, 1911. He had married Rosina Buerger and they had two children, one of whom is living, Royal J. Baker. Mary A. Baker joined the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky, and is now Sister Rose Regina of St. Catherine's Academy at Lexington, Kentucky. Nellie Baker is numbered among the sales people employed by the Nursery company. Lucinda M., who was engaged in teaching in the public schools of Fond du Lac for a few years, is now traveling, selling nursery stock. Mrs. Baker is a devout Catholic. Mr. Baker, though a republican in politics, and always taking a keen interest in public affairs, has never consented to the use of his name as a candidate for office. His energies have been centered in his business affairs and with such success that he is now able to live a retired life. His business transactions have always been straightforward and he has richly earned his reputation for high integrity and honor, a reputation more to be desired than great riches.

The Baker family in America is descended from Edward Baker, an Englishman and farmer, who crossed the Atlantic to the new world in 1630, settling at Segus, then Lynn, Massachusetts. It is probable that he came to the new world as a passenger on one of the boats of the large fleet of Governor Winthrop, which sailed from England in April and arrived at Boston and at Salem in June and July 1630. This fleet constituted eleven vessels and brought over seventeen hundred colonists to America. Since that time representatives of the Baker family have been loyal and progressive citizens of this country.

The great-grandparents of Leonard T. Baker, were Enoch and Hulda (Ingham) Baker. Their son, Alexander Baker, was born December 16, 1780, and on the 3rd of October, 1805, at Cape Ann, Massachusetts, he married Polly Liscomb, who was born at that place on the 11th of December, 1788. In the spring of 1790 or 1791 she had removed to Fort Ann, New York, with her aunt, Mrs. Polly (Liscomb) Goodell, the wife of Asa Goodell, as their adopted daughter. The death of Alexander Baker occurred May 24, 1828.

Abner Baker, the father of Leonard T. Baker, was born in Washington county, New York, and there spent his boyhood, after which he became a lumberman of that locality. The forests of Wisconsin offered splendid opportunities to a man possessing knowledge in that line of business at that time, and in 1848 he removed to this state, but after arriving here turned his attention to farming, settling in what is now the town of Empire, seven miles east of the city of Fond du Lac. There he cleared, developed and improved a farm of five hundred and twenty acres, which he sold soon after the close of the Civil war. He then removed to Minnesota where he lived for about fifteen months. Owing to the attractive inducements being offered to settlers who would locate in Virginia, he removed to Herndon, that state, and bought two hundred and twenty-five acres of land in Fairfax county, upon which he spent his remaining days, his death occurring when he was in his eightieth year.

In early manhood Abner Baker married Betsy Thompson, also a native of Washington county, New York, and she survived him for fourteen years, passing away when in her eighty-third year. She was a member of the Baptist church and a woman of many excellent traits of character. Mr. Baker was well known as a man who took an active interest in the affairs of his community. In the early days he was a member of the state militia and held various local offices.



COL. GEORGE W. CARTER

Unto him and his wife were born seven children, three sons and four daughters, five of whom reached manhood and womanhood as follows: Leonard T.; Mary, who became the wife of Dr. T. F. Mayham, now deceased; Asa G., deceased; Calista Ann, who died unmarried, and Nettie, who is a teacher for mute children in Chicago.

The maternal grandfather of Leonard T. Baker was Judah Thompson, who was born March 25, 1767, and who married Miss Mary Harris, born January 10, 1774, the wedding taking place in Hammerton, Pine Plains, New York. The Thompson family traces its lineage back to Anthony Thompson, who came to this country with his wife and two children from Coventry, England, landing at Boston on the 16th of June, 1637.

Peter McGauley, the father of Mrs. Leonard T. Baker, was born in County Meath, Ireland, June 4, 1803, and was a son of Patrick and Catherine (Murphy) McGauley, whose children were Michael, Thomas, Mary, Peter and Patrick. Peter McGauley, father of Mrs. Baker, was a miller by trade and resided in New York until 1854. In the meantime he wedded Lucinda O'Hara, who was born in Beekmantown, Dutchess county, New York, December 25, 1814, and was a daughter of Peter O'Hara, who died in 1855, at the venerable age of eighty years. Mr. O'Hara was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, born in 1775. He served in the Irish rebellion of 1798 and fled from his country to escape political persecution. He went first to France and about 1803 came to America, settling in Dutchess county, New York, where he worked at any employment which he could secure. Later he established his home in Rockland, Sullivan county, where he engaged in weaving for a time and then went to Greene county, New York, where he purchased land and engaged in farming. His death there occurred when he had reached the age of eighty years, while his wife, whose maiden name was Lucretia Darbee, died two years later at the age of sixty years. Peter O'Hara enlisted for service in the War of 1812 but hostilities had ceased before he was called to the front. To Peter and Lucretia O'Hara thirteen children were born who reached mature years. They were: Eliza Ann, Lucinda, Bernard, Hannah, Samuel, Mary, Peter, Lucretia, George, Catherine, Charles, Ellen and Levi. As already stated Lucinda O'Hara became the wife of Peter McGauley and they resided in the Empire state till 1854 when they removed to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, settling in the town of Empire. Mr. McGauley died October 12, 1854, of malarial fever, leaving a wife and nine children: Michael Jerome, Catherine, Marcella, Thomas Urban, Francis Patrick, Stephen A., Mary Lucretia, Lucinda Ann and Veronica.

FRANK J. WOLFF.

Fond du Lac has seen fit to honor Frank J. Wolff with the office of mayor, and that he well merits the confidence reposed in him is evident in his faithful and capable discharge of the duties of this office. His administration is a businesslike one, characterized by needed reform and by progress, and he has thus added to the enviable reputation which he had already gained as a business man and citizen. He has long been well known in real-estate and insurance circles and also as a representative of the banking interests of the city, and is vice president of the Citizens State Bank. He was born in Fond du Lac, November 11, 1873, and is a son of Joseph and Barbara (Hochrein) Wolff, both natives of Luxemburg. In that country the father was reared and learned the cigar-maker's trade. Coming to America, he established his home in Fond du Lac in the '50s and followed his trade here until his death, which occurred in 1891, when he was sixty-one years of age. He was poor-commissioner for a number of terms and was interested in all matters of progressive citizenship. His

sterling traits of character won him high regard, so that his death was the occasion of deep regret by his many friends. His widow, who survives, is a member of the Lutheran church. They were the parents of ten children who reached maturity: Katharine; Emma; John P.; Ida, the wife of Henry Rueping; Julia; Anna; Sarah, who married C. F. Ehlers; Frank J.; Carl R.; and Josephine.

Frank J. Wolff has been a lifelong resident of Fond du Lac and in the public schools and the German-English Academy pursued his education. When it became time for him to start out in the business world he looked carefully over the situation to find a line which he believed would prove congenial and profitable. He decided upon the insurance and real-estate field, in which he still operates, and in both departments has secured a good clientage, writing a large number of policies each year and handling many important realty transfers. As success has crowned his efforts he has extended his activities into still other fields and is now vice president of the Citizens State Bank.

Personal business affairs, however, by no means claim the entire attention of Frank J. Wolff, who has long been recognized as a public-spirited and progressive citizen and one whose aid could ever be counted upon to further the public welfare. For two terms he served as city treasurer and in April, 1911, he was elected mayor, entering upon the duties of the office in the following May. For more than a year he has been the incumbent in this position and his record is one which reflects credit and honor upon himself and is highly satisfactory to his constituents. He has been secretary of the park board and is a member of the board of education. His political allegiance has ever been given to the democratic party and he keeps thoroughly informed on questions and issues of the day.

On the 11th of January, 1899, Frank J. Wolff was married to Miss Addie Lewis, a daughter of Alanson H. and Martha (Barber) Lewis. Mrs. Wolff was born in Juneau, Dodge county, Wisconsin, while her parents were natives of Vermont. They became pioneer settlers of Dodge county and subsequently for many years lived in Fond du Lac. Her father was a soldier of the Civil war in the cavalry service. Mr. and Mrs. Wolff have two children, Frank L. and Carlton J. The parents are prominent socially and their attractive home is renowned for its warm-hearted hospitality. Mrs. Wolff is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Wolff is identified with Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M.; Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F.; Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P.; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; and the Turners and several other societies. He is a man of social proclivities, of genial manner and kindly spirit and these qualities, taken in connection with his enterprise in business and his progressiveness in citizenship, have made him one of the valued residents of his native city.

CHARLES ALFRED GALLOWAY.

After demonstrating his ability to successfully inaugurate and control important industrial and commercial interests Charles Alfred Galloway entered the field of banking and is now president of the Fond du Lac National Bank as well as treasurer of the Moore & Galloway Lumber Company. Both constitute important factors in the business development, progress and prosperity of this section of the state and Mr. Galloway is one to whom is accorded high respect and warm regard, not only by reason of what he has accomplished but owing to the methods he has followed in the attainment of his success. He was born in Harrisburgh, Lewis county, New York, May 5, 1845. His paternal grandparents were natives of England, in which country they spent their

lives. Their family numbered two sons and three daughters including Charles Galloway, whose birth occurred in Yorkshire, England, where he was reared to manhood and pursued his education. Having reached adult age he wedded Ann Moore, who was likewise a native of Yorkshire and was one of a family of four daughters. Her parents also passed away in England. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Galloway continued to reside in that country until after the birth of two of their children and he served for a time as a soldier in the British army. In early life he learned the shoemakers trade which he followed for a number of years, but the opportunities of the new world proved attractive to him and in 1819 he crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in Lewis county, New York, at which time his capital consisted of but eighteen dollars. There he worked at his trade for a time and afterward purchased a small tract of land to which he added as opportunity offered until he became the owner of a farm of good size and value. Upon that place he reared his family and made his home until his death, which occurred in 1864 when he was seventy-four years of age. His wife survived him for a decade and was also seventy-four years of age at the time of her death. They belonged to the Free Will Baptist church, in the work of which both took an active and helpful interest, Mr. Galloway serving as church clerk. In their family were the following children: James, who died in infancy; Mrs. Harriet Waters, deceased; Jane, who became the wife of Dennis Johnson; Valentine; Edward; Edwin Henry; George Franklin; Alice, who died in early womanhood; Christopher Cornelius; Eliza, who passed away at the age of eleven years; and Charles Alfred. All are now deceased with the exception of the last named.

Upon his fathers farm in Lewis county, New York, Charles Alfred Galloway spent his youthful days, pursuing his education in the country schools and in the Lowville Academy. In the fall of 1863 he came to the middle west on a visit and in 1864 enlisted as a member of Company I, Thirty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served as a non-commissioned officer until the expiration of his term. He had received thorough military training while in Lowville Academy and after joining the army he was made first sergeant. Later he was on guard duty most of the time and participated in the repulse of Forrest's celebrated raid into Memphis.

When the war was over Mr. Galloway returned to Fond du Lac and entered business circles here in a clerical position in the lumber office of Galloway & Hunter. That he soon demonstrated his ability and efficiency is indicated by the fact that his salary of four hundred dollars for the first year was increased to one thousand dollars for the second year. His brother, Edwin H. Galloway, was then a member of the firm. Edwin H. Galloway was also representing his district in the state legislature and while absent in the discharge of his official duties Charles A. Galloway was practically left in charge of the office end of the business. When two years had passed he and W. E. Baker purchased the interest of Edwin H. Galloway, at which time the firm name was changed to Galloway, Hunter & Company. About 1871 Mr. Hunter retired and Messrs. Galloway and Baker associated themselves with M. D. Moore, who had a business already established. The firm style was then changed to Moore, Galloway & Baker, so continuing until 1884, when the business was incorporated under the name of the Moore & Galloway Lumber Company, with a capital of two hundred and thirty thousand dollars. They manufacture sash, doors, blinds and interior finishing, and own and operate a sawmill. They employ all told in Fond du Lac and in other plants at Galloway, Wisconsin, about three hundred and fifty men, and have large timber interests there. This enterprise is not one of secondary importance. It ranks high among the lumber interests of the state with a constantly increasing business, and in its management and control Mr. Galloway and his associates have demonstrated their right to rank with the enterprising citizens of Fond du Lac. Moreover, in other avenues

Mr. Galloway has extended his efforts, becoming the prime mover in the organization of the Fond du Lac National Bank which was formed in 1887 with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. He was elected its first president and still continues in that position.

On the 16th of November, 1869, occurred the marriage of Mr. Galloway and Miss Emma A. Kennedy, a daughter of James Y. and Delia Kennedy, the former still living at the age of ninety-two years. Two children were born of this marriage. Nina G., the elder, became the wife of Frederick L. Drain and died, leaving two children, Malcolm and Constance. Anna Maria is the wife of Henry T. Parr, living at Hood River, Oregon, and they have four children. Mrs. Emma A. Galloway died on the 19th of October, 1883, when thirty-three years of age. She was a native of Vermont as were her parents and a large circle of friends held her in high esteem. On the 5th of September, 1895, Mr. Galloway wedded Miss Flora Jewell, a daughter of Frederick S. Jewell, D. D., an Episcopal minister, and Jane (Chapin) Jewell. There are two children of this marriage, Katherine L. and Dorothy Jewell. Mr. and Mrs. Galloway are members of the Episcopal church and something more of the rules that govern his conduct and shape his life in relation to his fellowmen is indicated by the fact that he belongs to Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P., and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a republican and has held several local offices, serving for one term as a member of the county board of supervisors, while for one term he represented the fourth ward on the board of aldermen and for one term was mayor of the city. His administration of municipal affairs was characterized by promptness, efficiency and businesslike methods. He brought to his duties the same qualities that have continuously advanced him in his business career until, honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in industrial and financial circles in Fond du Lac.

WILLIAM E. HASELTINE.

William E. Haseltine is secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Ripon Light & Water Company, with which enterprise he has been connected since 1899, and with the steady growth of which he has been actively identified since that time. He was born in Schofield, Wisconsin, June 7, 1874, and is a son of Charles P. and Ella G. (Gooding) Haseltine, the former a native of New York and the latter of Illinois. The parents removed from Illinois to Schofield, Marathon county, Wisconsin, in 1871, and in that city the father followed the lumber business for some time. He was a son of Ebenezer Haseltine and his grandfather was Ebenezer, Sr. The latter was a descendant of John Haseltine who came with his brother Robert from England in 1634 and located in Massachusetts. Ebenezer Haseltine, Sr., was a minister in Vermont for many years. He married Margaret McClary, a daughter of Major Andrew McClary who was killed in the battle of Bunker Hill. Charles P. Haseltine, the father of our subject, left Wisconsin for Minneapolis in 1884 and remained in Minnesota until 1890 when he returned to Wisconsin and purchased the Oakwood Hotel at Green Lake. He was active in the management of this institution until 1904 when he sold his interests and came to Ripon where he has since resided. He is prominent in the Masonic order and belongs to Ripon lodge, F. & A. M. He is the father of five children: Mrs. J. W. Wright of Ripon, Wisconsin; William E., the subject of this sketch; Emma, at home; Mrs. A. B. Carter, of Ripon; and Mrs. L. C. Vincent, who makes her home in Idaho.

William E. Haseltine received his primary education in the public schools of Minnesota and attended high school in that state. He supplemented this educa-

tion by a course in the Massachusetts Institution of Technology at Boston. When he laid aside his books he went to Alaska where he remained for two years. In 1899 he came to Ripon and bought a large amount of stock in the Ripon Light & Water Company, and was appointed secretary, treasurer and general manager of that institution. He has been active in that capacity ever since. The enterprise with which he is connected was organized as the Ripon Water Company in 1889. Its founders were C. E. Gray, J. Rollo Grey and G. A. Farwell, who were active in its affairs until 1894. In that year they purchased the Ripon Gas Company and the firm name was changed to Ripon Light & Water Company. The officers of the institution have changed several times between the years 1894 and 1899 when Mr. Haseltine bought his interest. In that year the following officers, who have remained in the same capacity since that time were elected: C. P. Haseltine, president; W. E. Haseltine, secretary, treasurer and general manager; J. W. Wright, director; and D. N. M. Harwood, director. Under Mr. Haseltine's administration and during the period of his identification with the Ripon Light & Water Company extensive improvements have been made in the plant. In 1911 the entire electric light department was rebuilt and many additions made to its equipment. In 1910 and 1911 the company tapped springs one mile outside of the city and thus gained a new and more efficient water supply for Ripon. The business has had a steady growth since 1899 and much of its success is due to the business ability of William E. Haseltine.

On December 20, 1905, Mr. Haseltine was united in marriage to Miss Florence Reed, a daughter of Judge L. E. Reed, a prominent justice of Ripon, and they are the parents of one son, William Reed. Fraternally Mr. Haseltine holds membership in Ripon lodge, F. & A. M., and Berlin Commandery, K. T. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. He is a thorough and conscientious business man, keenly alive to modern commercial developments. He has improved and extended the business with which he is identified and has operated the Ripon Light & Water Company along modern and progressive lines. His success has been continuous for many years and is the natural result of his hard work and conspicuous ability.

MARTIN KAEDING.

Among those who have achieved prominence as men of marked business ability and substantial personal worth in Fond du Lac county is Martin Kaeding, vice president of the Eden State Bank. As the result of a career of continuous activity which has ever been characterized by a marked spirit of progress and advancement, he has attained a most creditable degree of success and at the same time has won and held the unqualified respect and esteem of his fellowmen. He is one of Germany's contributions to the citizenship of the United States, his birth having there occurred on the 11th of September, 1844. His parents, Christian and Christina (Eickmann) Kaeding, were also natives of the fatherland and came to the United States in 1866, the family home being established in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where they continued their residence until the time of their death. The father passed away in 1903, at the age of ninety-five years, and the mother's death occurred in 1881, when she was sixty-five years of age.

Martin Kaeding, who is one of five children born to his parents, attended the public schools of his native land until fourteen years of age, and then put aside his text-books to learn the wagonmaker's trade. He was engaged at that trade in Germany until 1862, when, irresistibly attracted by the reports which he heard concerning the opportunities offered by the new country lying across the Atlantic, he came to the United States with an uncle, arriving here four years previous to the settlement of his father's family in this country. He made his way direct

to Wisconsin, locating in the city of Fond du Lac, where he worked at wagon-making for the succeeding eight months, after which he went to Iowa and followed his trade in that state for one year. Chicago, Illinois, then became the scene of his activities but he remained in that city for only two months, returning at the expiration of that period to Fond du Lac, arriving there in 1864. Throughout the following sixteen years he devoted his entire time and attention to his trade and became recognized as one of the most skillful workmen in his line in the community, having thoroughly mastered every detail of the wagon-maker's business. After crossing the threshold of business life the question of wage had ever been a secondary matter with him, as his first thought always was of the knowledge and experience which he might acquire from each successive step in his career. Holding, therefore, to the policy, "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well," he sought to bring to a successful completion everything he undertook, and to this commendable policy he attributes the success which has come to him in recent years. In 1880 he withdrew from the occupation to which the years of his early manhood had been devoted and, removing to Eden township, established a lime and stone business in partnership with the Nast brothers, extended mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. That enterprise occupied his attention for two years, after which he sold his interest in the same to his partners and in 1882 opened a general mercantile store at Marblehead, which he conducted for the succeeding twenty-seven years. Success in large measure attended his efforts in his mercantile venture and in 1910, with the fortune which he had accumulated, he assisted in the establishment of the Eden State Bank, his associates in that venture being his son Herman, George Flood and the Nast brothers. Mr. Kaeding was elected to the office of vice president of that institution and has since given his entire attention to the performance of the duties which devolve upon him in connection with this position. From its inception the bank has enjoyed an unusually successful and prosperous growth, the amount of its deposits exceeding that of banks in many of the larger towns of the county. Throughout his entire active career Mr. Kaeding has exhibited exceptional business acumen and at the same time his methods have been so honorable and just that he has firmly established himself in the regard, confidence and good-will of all with whom he has had business dealings.

In 1869 Mr. Kaeding was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Nast, a daughter of William Nast, a prominent citizen of Fond du Lac county. Mr. Kaeding made the acquaintance of the Nast family while coming to the United States from the fatherland, in 1862. To Mr. and Mrs. Kaeding have been born ten children of whom the eight living are, Herman, Mrs. Louise Abel, Mrs. Emma Hagendorn, Amelia, Martin W., Albert, Lillian and Mrs. Anna Bartell. The family reside on a well improved farm which Mr. Kaeding purchased in 1891, located a short distance north of the village of Eden.

Mr. Kaeding finds spiritual guidance in the teachings of the German Lutheran church, of which he is an active and helpful member and a liberal supporter. He gives his political support to the democratic party and although he prefers the quiet of private life he has again and again been called upon to accept public positions of trust and responsibility, the duties of which he has ever performed with marked ability and efficiency. In the years of 1876-7-8, while a resident of Fond du Lac he represented the old eighth ward as alderman, thus taking his initial step in public life only fourteen years after arriving in a strange land, a youth among strange people and surrounded by strange customs. His worth was recognized and the efficiency with which he served in that office recommended him for other honors. In 1879 he was elected town supervisor, serving in that capacity for two years. In 1886 he was appointed postmaster at Marblehead, acting in that capacity for twenty-one years and in 1902 contrary to his wishes his fellow citizens insisted that he accept the office of town assessor, which position he filled for four years. For nineteen years in Eden township he has served as

justice of the peace and he has held the office of supervisor of the town of Eden for several years, notwithstanding his repeated efforts to retire from public life. In 1908 he was chosen town chairman, which office he still holds. His long continuance in public office has strengthened the position which he gained for himself during private life in the esteem and admiration of his fellowmen, and today he ranks among the most valued and representative citizens of Fond du Lac county.

LOUIE A. LANGE.

Louie A. Lange is president and manager of the Reporter Printing Company and one of the democratic leaders of Wisconsin. Throughout his entire business career he has been identified with newspaper publication and has placed the Fond du Lac Reporter on a par with the ablest journals of the middle west. Energy, determination and laudable ambition have characterized him at every step in his career. He was born in Chicago, May 31, 1854, a son of August A. Lange, who was born in Germany. Because of the elder Lange's support of the revolution of 1848 he incurred his government's displeasure and was forced to flee to the new world, coming with Carl Schurz. He settled first in Philadelphia and in that city was married. Subsequently he lived for a time in Chicago after his arrival in the middle west and in 1856 removed with his family to Fond du Lac. In his native country he had learned the upholsterer's trade and in this city he entered into partnership for the conduct of an upholstering business with Frederick Sander, the firm of Sander & Lange conducting their establishment at 45 North Main street. They were together until a disastrous fire destroyed their establishment on July 4, 1861. August A. Lange then went to Milwaukee but subsequently returned to Fond du Lac, where he died November 1, 1870, at the age of fifty-seven years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catharine Ann Trumbauer, long survived him, passing away March 2, 1902, at the age of seventy-nine years. Their children were: Henry B., deceased; Louie A.; Edwin, living in Denver, Colorado; Eberhart A., of De Pere; Anna M., the wife of J. A. Wilkie, of Fond du Lac; Adele, the wife of Dr. G. A. Hildreth, of New York city; and Albert, deceased. The son Henry was a soldier of the Civil war, serving with the thirty-second Illinois Regiment, and at the time of his death he held membership in E. A. Brown Post, G. A. R., at Fond du Lac.

Louie A. Lange was born in Chicago, May 31, 1854, and when but two years of age was brought by his parents to Wisconsin, and was a student in the old Harvey Street school of Fond du Lac until 1861, when a removal was made to Milwaukee. At the age of fourteen years he entered the office of J. W. & A. L. Cary, attorneys of that city, as office boy, and continued his education in evening school. In 1870 he returned to Fond du Lac where he began learning the printer's trade in the office of the Journal, conducted by Edward Beeson. There he gradually worked his way upward as he mastered the different phases of the business and at length was made assistant foreman of the Daily Journal, in which capacity he continued during the Greeley campaign of 1872. He next entered the office of the Saturday Reporter, of which John Beeson was proprietor, and served as foreman until 1873. At the same time he did duty in the postoffice news room. He removed to LaPorte, Indiana, in 1873, and there cast his first presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden. He was city editor of the LaPorte Chronicle until 1877, when he returned to Fond du Lac as city editor of the Commonwealth. In 1882 he went to Milwaukee to accept the position of reporter on the Evening Wisconsin and was offered the city editorship but declined and returned to Fond du Lac as business manager

of the Commonwealth, with which he remained until the 1st of January, 1883, when he purchased a half interest in the Reporter office. On the 31st of March, of that year, he established the Daily Reporter and in 1885 purchased the entire plant. Subsequently he purchased the Journal plant, on which paper he had served his apprenticeship in 1870, and merged this with the Reporter, establishing the Reporter Printing Company, of which he is the president and manager. He is now conducting business under that name with Emory Martin one of the earlier Daily Reporter carriers as secretary; A. H. Lange, his nephew, as treasurer and cashier; A. H. Tuttle, who entered apprenticeship under him in the Journal offices in 1870, as superintendent of the job department; and Charles Coffman, formerly one of the Reporter local reporters as managing editor. The company publishes the Daily Reporter, which goes into many hundreds of homes each day except Sunday. Current events and local happenings are tersely and interestingly told and courtesy is made a feature of the publication.

Mr. Lange in 1890 was elected democratic alderman and by his associates was chosen president of the council and president of the board of education. He has also been a member of the library board. In 1892 he was chosen to represent his district in the lower branch of the Wisconsin legislature and was re-elected to a fourth term. He was the leader of the democratic minority in the assembly and three times was named as the party candidate for speaker. In 1901 he was the democratic candidate for senator in the republican eighteenth district, and in 1908 was democratic candidate for secretary of state. He has been honored by his party with the secretaryship of several of the party state conventions and with other positions of important political duties. He has declined to enter the field for nomination for any political office since 1904 although nominations have been offered him.

On the 5th of June, 1883, Louie A. Lange was married to Miss Jennie Vaughn, who died January 29, 1899. In 1903 he wedded Rose A. LaBlanche, a daughter of Lucille (LaBeau) LaBlanche. Mr. Lange is active in the Elks organization as well as in the United Commercial Travelers and has held office in both. Practically his entire life has been spent in Fond du Lac.

WILLIAM POOL.

William Pool is a native of Wisconsin, the son of a pioneer and is one of the best known among the early settlers in Fond du Lac county. He is the leading merchant in Campbellsport, is president of the village and has been its postmaster since 1870, serving continuously with the exception of four years during Cleveland's administration. His large general store is intelligently operated and conducted along modern and progressive business lines, entitling him to be ranked among the important forces in the growth and development of the village. He was born in Walworth county, April 10, 1846, at Gardner's Prairie and is a son of William and Mary (Bell) Pool, natives of Scotland. The father was born in 1816 and crossed the Atlantic to America in 1832, making the journey alone. His father was a general merchant in Scotland and sent his son to Canada to open a store. He was accompanied by a clerk, who was to aid in the conduct and management of the business but the enterprise never came to an issue. William Pool, Sr., went into the office of the Imperial land commissioner and here he worked for four or five years. In the meantime the Bell family, consisting of Mary, John and George, had come to Canada but not liking that country, moved into what was then the territory of Wisconsin, settling in Gardner's Prairie. The father of our subject soon followed and in 1839 settled in that section, where he married Miss Mary Bell. He afterward

rented land and followed general agriculture in Walworth county until 1846. In September of that year he came to Fond du Lac county, purchasing eighty acres of land in Auburn township, to which he later added an adjoining eighty acres. The property was covered with heavy timber and had never been touched by a plow. Mr. Pool built a log house on it and for more than forty years made this his home. He was one of the earliest pioneers in Wisconsin, a successful, prosperous and enterprising farmer and a loyal and upright citizen. He died soon after his retirement from active life, at the home of his daughter Margaret, in Auburn township, at the age of seventy-seven. His wife passed away in 1879, when she was sixty-three years of age.

William Pool, of this review, was one of eight children born to his parents. He was educated in the district school and attended the high school at Omro. He then became a student in the De Land Business College at Fond du Lac, fitting himself in all commercial branches taught there with the intention of becoming a merchant. In 1867 he came to New Cassel, now Campbellsport, and after a year spent as a clerk in Helmer's store he purchased an interest in the business, which was afterward operated under the firm name of Pool, Helmer & Weise for one year. At the end of that time Mr. Helmer sold his interest to his two partners, who continued the operation of the business until 1875, when Mr. Weise sold out to J. V. Harter. The firm name was then changed to Pool & Harter and the enterprise was conducted under this title until 1887, when Mr. Pool purchased his partner's interest in the business and has since been an independent merchant. He has one of the largest and most attractive stores in Campbellsport and seeks always to keep his lines complete and his stock attractively arranged. His ample patronage is evidence of his success.

In 1877 Mr. Pool was united in marriage to Miss Martha L. Angel, a resident of Atlanta, Illinois, whose birth occurred in Waynesville. Her father, A. L. Angel, was born in Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Pool became the parents of three children: Mary, who died in infancy; Jesse L.; and Arthur, who passed away at the age of twelve. Mrs. Pool belongs to the Baptist church.

In his political views the subject of this sketch is a consistent republican and is one of the public-spirited citizens of his community. He is president of the village of Campbellsport, where his power of organization and his constructive energy are prominent factors in his successful administration. He has been postmaster since 1870, having been appointed to this position when the town was still called New Cassel and having served continuously with the exception of the four years of Mr. Cleveland's presidency. He is justly numbered among the important business men of his section and his integrity and sagacity are well known. He is public-spirited in a marked degree and gives his loyal support to every movement which tends to advance the best interests of his county and home locality. He has aided his town in growth and development in a business, political and social way, evidencing in all his activities the loyalty, energy and unselfish interest which are the essential qualities of public spirit.

FRANCIS FEE DUFFY.

Since 1884 the law firm of Duffy & McCrory, of which Francis Fee Duffy is senior partner, has been accounted one of the foremost at the Fond du Lac bar. Their liberal clientage is evidence of their ability and their standing in the profession. Francis Fee Duffy was born February 2, 1851, near Castleblaney, in County Monaghan, Ireland, his parents being Michael and Margaret (Fee) Duffy, who were residents of that county. The father, a son of Terance and Mary (McElroy) Duffy, was born in 1802 and came to the United States in 1823, settling in that part of what was at that time Virginia

which is now Greenbrier county, West Virginia. He became a citizen of his adopted country and remained for ten years in the United States, after which he returned to the land of his birth. In 1840 he married Margaret Fee, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Thornton) Fee, and to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Duffy were born eight children: Owen A., who is a resident of Fond du Lac; Patrick F., who was state auditor of West Virginia for eight years and who died at Webster Springs, that state, on the 31st of March, 1905; Rev. Terance J., of Wheeling, West Virginia; M. F., who died in infancy; John, who died near San Antonio, Texas, in 1869; Francis F., of this review; and Michael C. and James B., who are engaged in farming at Summersville, West Virginia. Michael Duffy returned to the United States with his family in 1855 and settled upon a farm near Summersville, West Virginia, where he made his home until his death in 1891. His wife survived him until 1898, when she passed away on the old homestead. The family was represented in the Civil war by two sons, Owen A. and Patrick F., who enlisted in the Confederate army, and by John, who was a member of the Union army.

Francis Fee Duffy was in his early teens at the time of the conflict between the north and the south. He remained at home with his parents until 1869 and acquired his early education in the public schools of West Virginia, which, however, were of a very poor character during the war and for several years thereafter. In 1869 he went to work on a railroad in order to earn money to complete his education. Subsequently he took up the profession of teaching and only partially completed his academic course. On the 1st of January, 1873, he came to Wisconsin, where he engaged in teaching for a time and then entered upon the study of law, being admitted to practice in 1877. The following year he was elected city attorney by a democratic council. He was re-elected in 1879 by a republican council. In 1880 popular suffrage called him to the office of district attorney of Fond du Lac county and he was reelected in 1882 and 1884, continuing in the position for three terms. In 1886 he was the democratic nominee for county judge but his hearing began to fail and he had to retire from active connection with political interests. In 1884 he had entered into partnership for the practice of law with John H. McCrory, of Fond du Lac, and under the firm name of Duffy & McCrory this partnership still continues, the firm having always been accorded a liberal clientage which connected them with much of the important litigation which has come before the courts of this district.

On the 22d of June, 1887, Mr. Duffy was united in marriage to Miss Hattie E. Ryan, a daughter of Kiern and Mary (Keys) Ryan, of Shields, Dodge county, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Duffy had three children, namely: Francis Ryan, who was born on the 23d of June, 1888; Lina N., whose birth occurred on the 3d of October, 1890; and Marguerite G., whose natal day was October 6, 1892. The wife and mother passed away on the 21st of November, 1901, when forty-three years of age. Francis Fee Duffy is widely known in Fond du Lac and this part of the state, where he has made his home continuously for thirty-nine years. His traits of character as well as professional ability have established him high in public regard and in legal circles.

MAURICE McKENNA.

Maurice McKenna, who is now and has been for ten years president of the Fond du Lac County Bar Association and was for four years vice president of the State Bar Association of Wisconsin, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, May 31, 1846. He is the son of Maurice and Mary (Mullane) McKenna, both of whom were natives of County Kerry, Ireland, and came to the United States



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in the spring of 1832, settling first in Boston. Later they removed to Springfield, Massachusetts, and afterward to Niagara county, New York, locating near the city of Lockport, where the father was engaged in farming. In 1854 they came from Buffalo by way of the Great Lakes to Wisconsin, where they settled on a farm in the township of Eldorado, Fond du Lac county, arriving there on October 10th, of that year. The land at that time was all in timber, and, clearing a small tract, they erected a small cabin from the trees that were cut down. On this farm they reared their family and spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1866, at the age of fifty-seven, and the mother in 1886, at the age of seventy-three. They were the parents of six children: Mary, who became the wife of James McGowan and is deceased; Maurice, the supervising editor of this volume; Daniel, an attorney at Charles City, Iowa; Honora, who died in 1865, at the age of seventeen; Dennis W., an attorney residing at Aurora, Illinois; and Thomas, who was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan and died soon after his graduation.

Maurice McKenna grew to manhood on his father's farm and attended school in an old fashioned log schoolhouse, later becoming a student in the high school at Fond du Lac. On May 21, 1864, when he was eighteen years of age, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company I, Thirty-ninth Wisconsin Infantry, and served as a private until his term expired, which was in 1865, just before the close of the war. He then reenlisted and was all dressed in uniform, ready to go back to the field, when the news came that peace had been declared. After the close of the war he taught school for several years, having earned the money that paid his way through school by working on a farm. Subsequently he took up the study of law with the firm of Coleman & Blair, and in June, 1876, was admitted to the bar and has practiced in Fond du Lac county continuously since that date, with the exception of one year which he spent in Iowa. His work has extended to many important cases in the supreme court of the state, in which court he was admitted to practice in 1886, as well as in the courts of other states. Mr. McKenna was connected with the Fond du Lac Water Company for twenty-five years and was its secretary, treasurer and manager for over fifteen years. When the city of Fond du Lac took over the property of the Fond du Lac waterworks, it elected a commission of three citizens outside of the public officials, of whom Mr. McKenna was one, and he is still serving on that commission. He is a stockholder in the Fond du Lac National Bank and also in the Commercial National Bank.

On the 19th of August, 1874, Mr. McKenna married Miss Nellie Fagan, who was a daughter of John and Mary (Cody) Fagan. To Mr. and Mrs. McKenna have been born two daughters: Minnie V., who is the wife of Dr. T. A. Hardgrove, and Nora E., the wife of Dr. F. M. McGauley, both of Fond du Lac. Mr. McKenna and his family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church. In politics he is a republican and he was a member of the Fond du Lac county board of supervisors for about twenty years and chairman of the board for about twelve years, receiving the votes of the board regardless of politics. He was clerk of the courts from the first Monday in January, 1871, to the first Monday in January, 1877. The prominence Mr. McKenna has won in the legal profession is indicated by the position to which he has been elected in the county and state bar associations. His readiness to respond to the call for service in the Civil war is typical of the interest he has always taken in the public welfare. He has given much attention to school work and has been a member of the board of education of Fond du Lac for two years. He is the author of a volume entitled "Elva Lee and Other Poems;" and a second volume, which was published in 1890, entitled, "Poems, Rhymes and Verses." His productions were given a place in "Poets of America" and have appeared in other standard works. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, with the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, being one of

the directors who erected the Elks' building in Fond du Lac. He is also a member of E. A. Brown Post, No. 130, G. A. R., department of Wisconsin, and a member of the Academy of Science, Arts and Letters of the state of Wisconsin and of the State Historical Society.

WILLIAM S. CROWTHER.

A steadfast perseverance and an unwavering integrity are characteristics which have molded the career of William S. Crowther. He was actively identified with industrial circles of Ripon for twenty-eight years as owner of one of the largest flour mills in this section of the country. He made one fortune and lost it in a fire which swept his magnificent plant out of existence; he returned to his labors undaunted and has now amassed another comfortable fortune, upon which he has retired. He was born in Manchester, England, April 10, 1843, and is a son of James and Beda (Bate) Crowther. His parents left their native country in 1845 and settled in Wisconsin, in Dane county. The father had been obliged to make this journey on account of failing health. He had followed the occupation of bookkeeper in England but was engaged in farming in Wisconsin until his death in 1848. His wife survived him until 1896. She was a school teacher in England and for eight years was principal of a young ladies' seminary in that country. She passed away in her ninety-ninth year, highly esteemed and respected by all.

William S. Crowther was the only son born to James and Beda Crowther. After his father's death he and his mother lived for some time on the farm, eighteen miles west of Madison, Wisconsin. Here William Crowther improved and cultivated the land and was fairly successful until 1877, when he sold his holdings and bought a flour mill in Staceyville, Iowa. This was the beginning of his career in the milling business. He remained in Staceyville for four years, coming to Ripon in 1881, where, in partnership with J. B. Duclus, he bought the Ceresco Mills from H. B. Bateman. His success was immediate. He had a mill of two hundred barrels of flour a day and his plant grew and prospered exceedingly. Mr. Crowther has always been progressive in his business methods, looking for or installing the latest machinery or equipment. He had been operating the mill barely one year when he installed the roller system at an expense of fourteen thousand dollars. Ceresco Mills were operated by water and steam and the products were shipped all over the United States. The flour is sold under the name of the White Lilly brand and gained almost a national reputation for purity and wholesomeness. In 1884 F. J. Elver was taken into the partnership buying a third interest in the enterprise. In the following year Mr. Duclus died and his interest was purchased by our subject. The firm was entirely reorganized and from that time did business under the name of W. S. Crowther & Company. The partnership with Mr. Elver continued until 1890, when William Crowther bought out the former's interest in the business and operated the mill under the same name until November 1, 1891. In that year the plant and entire equipment were destroyed by fire at a complete loss of twenty thousand dollars above the insurance. Mr. Crowther's native perseverance and dominating ambition were well exemplified at this time. His plant was practically destroyed and his fortune impaired to a great degree, yet he did not allow himself to become in any way discouraged. His only asset after the fire was the small plant of the Ripon feed mill which he had purchased for an investment in 1887. After his plant was destroyed he operated the Ripon mills, built an addition and gradually built up an extensive business. He was producing one hundred barrels of flour a day at the time he sold out to T. G. Genge & Company on May 15, 1909.

Mr. Crowther has retired from active business life and gives his attention mainly to study and research. He is keenly interested in history and is a deep scholar in this branch of learning. He is a member of the Ripon Historical Society and the Wisconsin State Historical Society and is also a member of the Iowa State Historical Society. He has one of the best Lincoln libraries in the United States west of Chicago and is actively interested in everything pertaining to historical research. He is also prominent on the local library board, of which he has been president for many years.

On September 26, 1870, Mr. Crowther was united in marriage to Miss Mary McCord, a native of Waukesha, Wisconsin. She is a daughter of Daniel and Oliva (Foote) McCord, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. They were both pioneers in the early settlement of the state of Wisconsin. Mrs. Crowther died on the 24th of November, 1886, leaving a family of three daughters: Maude, who is the wife of H. N. Akin, of Ripon, by whom she had four children, three of whom are now deceased; Clara, who married H. O. Nash, now in the real-estate business in Ripon; and Edith Lillian, a teacher of history at Juneau, Wisconsin. Mr. Crowther gives his allegiance to the Methodist faith, while his daughters are active workers in the Congregational church. He is in his sixty-ninth year, living retired after an active and eventful life. Seeking diversion and finding pleasure in history and research, he has a well trained and active mind which makes his studies a constantly growing delight.

CHARLES COWAN.

There is no other profession in which native ability and strict honesty gain such instant recognition as that of banking. Integrity is a necessary asset in any walk of life but financial institutions are entirely dependent upon it. The standing of a city in commercial circles is a direct result of the policy and principles upon which its banks are founded and the reputation of a bank is dependent upon the integrity and the honor of its officials. Charles Cowan, president of the German National Bank of Ripon, Wisconsin, is a splendid example along this line and the institution of which he is the head is growing and expanding under his able management. He is a native of Ohio, in which state his birth occurred on June 6, 1846. His parents were Ira and Mary (Gilman) Cowan, both natives of Canada. The family on the paternal side is of Irish lineage and representatives of it came to the United States in colonial times. The family was founded in Canada in 1812 and Ira Cowan pursued the occupation of shoemaking in that country until he was twenty-four years old. At that age he removed to Ohio and worked at his trade for some time in that state. He came to Wisconsin in 1845 and settled in Watertown and in the following year sent for his family to join him. They made the journey from Ohio in a covered wagon and were attended by all the hardships and perils incident to pioneer traveling. Charles Cowan was only three months old at that time and spent his early youth in Watertown, Wisconsin. Here the father built up a flourishing business and invested extensively in Wisconsin lands. He later lost his holdings and was obliged to take up his trade, by which he supported himself until his death. His wife was a sister of Colonel John C. Gilman. Her father was among the first settlers in Watertown and engaged in farming near that city for some years. The Gilman brothers, John, Harris and Edward, all joined the gold seekers in the California boom of 1849 but met with little success in their mining enterprises and returned to Watertown. They made the trip west three or four times after this and finally located in Helena, Montana, where they remained until their deaths. Ira Cowan and his wife were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in infancy. The

others are Melissa, who is deceased; Sarah, who has also passed away; George, engaged in the general practice of law at Spokane, Washington; Laura, who is the widow of A. G. Turner and is living with her brother; Charles, the subject of this sketch; and Emma, the wife of J. A. Collins, of Florence, South Carolina.

Charles Cowan received his early education in the public schools of Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and came to Ripon at the age of thirteen. He started on his career at that early age as a clerk in the store of James C. Catlin and remained in this connection until the latter closed business. He then worked as a clerk in the employ of various firms in Ripon until the age of seventeen, when he enlisted in Company B, Forty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served with distinction during the war. When he was mustered out he returned to Ripon and continued his occupation as a clerk until 1877, when he bought out the hardware store of J. Bower and in partnership with O. J. Clarke conducted that enterprise for nine years. At the end of that time Mr. Cowan purchased his partner's interest in the enterprise and operated the store himself until 1910. During this time he built up by his energy, activity and intelligent business methods one of the largest hardware institutions in the city of Ripon. His trade increased each year and the number of clients became greater as the quality of his stock became known throughout the city. In 1910 Mr. Cowan severed his connection with the hardware business to devote his entire attention to banking. He had previously, in 1892, purchased stock in the German National Bank of Ripon and had served as a director in that institution since that time. In 1906 he bought control of the bank and was elected president, which office he has held continuously ever since. He was active in both the banking and the hardware lines for three years but in 1910 the growing importance of his banking affairs obliged him to sell out his prosperous hardware store and he has been active only in the financial world since that time.

The German National Bank has been in existence in Ripon since 1890, in which year it was founded with L. D. Moses as president. The first vice president of the German National Bank was George W. Carter, with I. M. Dakin as cashier. In 1892 this latter position was given to A. J. Schloerb, of Oshkosh, and the official organization remained in this condition until 1906, when Mr. Moses and Mr. Schloerb retired. When that event took place Charles Cowan was elected president, with James L. Stone as cashier and H. J. Faustman as vice president. The bank was organized in the beginning for fifty thousand dollars. This capitalization has been increased since that time to one hundred thousand dollars. The building which the bank now occupies was erected in 1892 and was at that time one of the most imposing and modernly equipped institutions of its kind in Ripon. The bank has, however, outgrown its quarters and is now engaged in rebuilding. When the improvements which are now under way are completed the German National Bank will occupy one of the largest buildings in the city, thoroughly equipped with the most modern banking fixtures and up-to-date and beautiful in all respects. It is now one of the most important financial institutions in Ripon and has gained a reputation in that city for the solid foundation of integrity and upright business methods upon which its business existence rests. Much of its success during the past few years is due to the dominating energy and ability of its president, Charles Cowan and the cashier, James L. Stone.

Mr. Cowan was twice married. On September 9, 1869, he wedded Miss Alice M. Ayer, by whom he had two children, both of whom are deceased. The first Mrs. Cowan's death occurred in 1883 and in the following year Mr. Cowan was again united in marriage. His second union was with Mary Alice Gillette, a daughter of William L. Gillette, of Ripon. This family has been identified with the hide and leather business in this city since 1871. By his sec-

and wife Mr. Cowan is the father of two children: Imogene, a graduate of the Ripon high school, who is now pursuing her musical studies at home; and William Prescott, who married Miss Louise Slanson and who is interested in the bond, loan and mortgage business in Milwaukee.

Politically Mr. Cowan gives his allegiance to the republican party and votes that ticket on national and local issues. He takes no very active part in public affairs and has never sought office for himself. He holds membership in the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and is prominent in the affairs of that organization. Both he and his wife are members of St. Peter's Episcopal church. The qualities and talents which go into the upbuilding of a successful financial institution are the influences which are making our American life progressive and successful and which are giving the United States a high place among industrial nations. Mr. Cowan in his career has exemplified the power of these qualities in the molding of a successful life and his prosperity at the present time is a direct result of his high-minded business dealings and his conspicuous ability.

RUDOLPH KOEHNE.

Rudolph Koehne is the secretary of the Dallmann-Cooper Supply Company, being thus associated with an enterprise that is classed with the leading business concerns of Fond du Lac. Since starting out in the business world he has gradually worked his way upward, overcoming difficulties and obstacles and winning his success through determination and merit. Fond du Lac claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred May 4, 1857. He is one of a family of twelve children and is of German descent. His father, William Koehne, was born in Braunschweig, Germany, was there reared and became a furrier in his native land. In 1846 he sailed for the new world and for two or three years, thereafter, was a resident of New York. He then came to Fond du Lac where he engaged in the hotel business, conducting the Fond du Lac House until 1874, when he took up his abode upon a farm just outside of the city limits. His remaining years were devoted to general agricultural pursuits there, his death occurring in 1878 when he was fifty-five years of age. He was a worthy and valued citizen of Fond du Lac city and county, and his labors for the general welfare of the community were far-reaching and beneficial. In the early days when Fond du Lac was flooded each year, conditions were highly undesirable and William Koehne devoted himself to the task of preparing a remedy. He forced a measure through the city council for the building of a waterway from the west line of Calvary cemetery to the east side of the East Branch. The measure was desperately opposed at the time but its value has proven very great, as is today acknowledged by everybody. The waterway was designated, Dutch Gap, a name that is still retained and to William Koehne is given the credit for this valuable public improvement. Throughout the community he was recognized as a shrewd business man, thrifty, energetic, resourceful, popular and influential. He was one of the early settlers and had a large acquaintance among the prominent pioneer families. His public spirit found tangible expression in his support of many improvements, yet while laboring for the welfare and development of the city he also gave a helping hand to many individuals and became noted for his charity. He not only served as a member of the county board but was also alderman of the first ward for many years and at one time was a candidate for the state legislature. His wife survived him until 1905 and passed away at the age of seventy-nine years. Nine of their twelve children reached majority: Louisa, the wife of Rudolph Boege; Amelia, the wife of William Nietman; Doretta, who married Fritz Dumpke; Amalia, the

wife of Edward Schaeper; Rudolph; Emma, the wife of A. C. Dallmann; Rosa; Clara, the wife of John F. Wiles; and Leona, who is a principal of one of the Chicago schools.

Rudolph Koehne spent his youth in Fond du Lac and passed through the consecutive grades in the public schools. He was afterward employed for several years by the Chicago Tribune and was later with the National Wall Paper Company for a number of years, having charge of the freight department. In 1901 he returned to Fond du Lac and became associated with the Dallmann-Cooper Supply Company of which he is the secretary. He has contributed in no small measure to the success of this institution, his executive force and well formulated plans being elements in its growth and prosperity.

Mr. Koehne was married October 18, 1885, to Miss Elizabeth Poppendick, a daughter of Andrew and Caroline (Fellmann) Poppendick. Mrs. Koehne was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where her parents who were natives of Germany, settled at an early date. There she grew to womanhood and in that city her father and mother passed away when well advanced in years. They had five children, Charles, Elizabeth, Josephine, Henry and Fred.

Mr. Koehne gives his political support to the democratic party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but has never sought nor desired public office. He belongs to Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., also to the Atlas Lodge, No. 271, of Odd Fellows in Chicago. His fellow members of those organizations recognize the fact that he is loyal thereto, and that he exemplifies in his life the splendid principles which they inculcate. He is alert and resourceful, knowing that success depends upon the individual and his ability to recognize and utilize opportunities.

WILLIAM E. COLE.

For more than a quarter of a century William E. Cole was identified with banking interests in Fond du Lac, and made for himself a prominent position in the business circles of the city, his efforts being of a character that contributed to public progress and prosperity as well as to individual success. Moreover, his salient traits of character commended him to the confidence and high regard of all who knew him, so that his death, which occurred on the 4th of April, 1909, was deeply regretted throughout the community in which he had so long resided. He was born at Florida, New York, September 19, 1844, a son of Israel and Louisa (Brown) Cole, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The latter was a daughter of Joshua Brown, who was born in Vernon, New York. Israel Cole became a thrifty and enterprising farmer of Orange county, New York, and after cultivating his fields for many years until his labors had brought him substantial returns, he retired and removed to Middletown, New York, where he passed away at the venerable age of ninety-three years. His wife died when eighty-two years of age. Both were numbered among the highly respected residents of their community and it was a recognized fact that their lives were factors for good in the district in which they lived. They had a family of three children: William E.; Frances E., the wife of William B. Bennett, of Middletown; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood.

William E. Cole was reared to manhood at Middletown and acquired a common-school education there, after which he attended a business college in Binghamton, New York. He entered business circles as a bookkeeper in New York city and subsequently engaged in business on his own account in Middletown, dealing in men's furnishing goods. The year 1868 witnessed his arrival in Fond du Lac, where he established a similar store, becoming the junior partner of the firm of Hoyt & Cole. This relation was maintained for a few years, during

which period Mr. Cole became well established as an enterprising, progressive and reliable business man. He next opened a private bank and railroad and steamship ticket office under the First National Bank, where he remained for twenty years. On the expiration of that period he removed to what is now known as Cole Savings Bank, at 32 South Main street, where he continued throughout the remainder of his life. He was engaged in the banking business for more than a quarter of a century, winning success and an honored name by his enterprising and reliable methods. He was also the founder of the Title & Abstract Company and was the treasurer of the Eastern Wisconsin Railway & Light Company. He displayed keen sagacity in his business affairs and his capable conduct of his business brought him substantial success as the years passed by.

On the 13th of January, 1874, Mr. Cole was married to Miss Annie E. Hurd, a daughter of Hubert and Eliza (Mason) Hurd. Mrs. Cole was born in Fond du Lac, March 17, 1851. Her parents were eastern people, her father having been born in Lempster, New Hampshire, and her mother in Vermont. Her paternal grandfather was Collins Hurd, who was everywhere known as Deacon Hurd. He married a Miss Way and both lived to old age. In their family were fourteen children, of whom ten reached years of maturity. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Cole was the Rev. Samuel Mason, a Congregational minister, who was a native of Vermont. He married Abigail Sawyer Whitcomb, and both died in middle life. Their family numbered six or seven children, one of whom, Abigail Maria, was the wife of Dr. E. L. Griffin, one of the pioneer physicians of this city. Another daughter, Eliza A., became the wife of Hubert Hurd. The latter was reared in Lempster, New Hampshire, and was a mechanic. The parents came to Fond du Lac in 1848, when Indians were still living in this neighborhood, and shared in all of the hardships and privations which constituted features of pioneer life. On arriving here Mr. Hurd worked in the old Northwestern car shops in the wood-working department and subsequently he operated a sawmill at Luco and at Muscatine, Iowa, for a number of years. To that place he removed with his family but afterward returned to Fond du Lac, where both he and his wife spent their last days, Mrs. Hurd passing away at the age of sixty-two years. They were the parents of four children: Annie E.; Alice M., the wife of Herbert Yapp; Hubert Waldo; and Samuel M. Mrs. Cole attended the public schools of this city and was graduated from the high school in 1868, when seventeen years of age. In September of that year she began teaching, which profession she followed for three years. She holds membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution, to which she is entitled from the fact that she is a descendant of Colonel Asa Whitcomb, who commanded a regiment of American troops in the Revolutionary war. In that organization she has become very prominent, being now state treasurer of the society. She is also recording secretary of the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs and is not only very widely and prominently known in club circles, but is also recognized as a business woman of marked capability, serving at the present time as president of the Cole Savings Bank.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cole were born two sons, William I. and Hubert W. The former is cashier of the Cole Savings Bank, and married N. Mabelle Kelsey, by whom he has two children, Jeanette Kathryn and Margaret Louise. Hubert W. Cole is a photographer of Green Bay, Wisconsin. He married Edna Sweet and they have two children, Annie Marie and Hubert Capron. The family circle was broken by the hand of death, when on the 4th of April, 1909, Mr. Cole passed away, being then sixty-four years and seven months of age. Both he and his wife held membership in the Congregational church, taking active and helpful part in its work and for many years Mr. Cole served as one of the church trustees. In 1900 Mr. Cole was largely instrumental in getting the Soo Line to locate its shops here and with a pay roll which averages about seventy-five thou-

sand dollars per month it is the biggest plant in the county and of great benefit to the community. His was a well spent life, active, useful and honorable, and he left his impress for good upon the business development and moral progress of the community. Mrs. Cole is a lady of broad culture and refinement, whose tact and graciousness well fit her for the positions of leadership to which she has been called in social and club circles.

PROFESSOR OLIVER MARSTON.

Marston is the English of Marsius (Latin), Marson (German) and signifies warrior, being derived from Mars, the mythological god of war. In ancient times the term was applied by the Romans to a fierce, warlike tribe, which dwelt in Italy. This tribe, the Marsii, allied themselves with the Romans when they first subdued the petty tribes which surrounded them.

The title was first applied to a personal character about the ninth century, in France, in the following manner: the king was hard pressed on all sides by the petty sovereigns contiguous to his kingdom, but was finally relieved by the skill and valor of the prince or duke who had command of his army, for which service the king conferred on him this martial title, Marsius.

At this time people had but one name, and were distinguished one from another by their titles or vocations, which titles or vocations after a time were adopted as their surnames. Consequently, this title became the surname of the Marsius family.

The name "Marsius" has undergone many changes during the centuries that have elapsed and has become one of the prominent names in England and America under its present form of Marston. A member of this family, and of noble descent, came from Normandy to England, in 1066, with William the Conqueror as commander of an army corps. In return for the military services which he rendered William in his conquest of England, the king granted him large estates in Yorkshire county. These estates became known in history as "Marston Moor" made famous by the memorable battle between the Royalists commanded by Prince Rupert, and the Parliament troops under Lord Fairfax and Cromwell, July 2, 1644, and known as the battle of Marston Moor.

Representatives of the name left England for America in 1634 and located in Salem, Massachusetts, and later in New Hampshire. The family was prominent for its brilliant services during the Revolutionary war.

The early history of the Marston family in America shows that the greater number of them led sea-faring lives; but as they migrated with the early settlers to the borders of western civilization they seem to have turned their attention to the law and the ministry.

The grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Lyford Marston, emigrated from New Hampshire to Bourbon county, Kentucky, in 1835, where he, although educated for the ministry, entered the profession of law and became an editorial writer on the Lexington Enquirer, a Henry Clay organ. He became a constant contributor to the New York Tribune for the anti-slavery cause and at the opening of the war carried on a debate with Mr. Greeley through the columns of the Tribune based upon the latter's crochet that the "erring sisters should be permitted to depart in peace." These facts, together with the fact that he stumped New England in 1856 for Fremont, was a delegate to the Chicago convention which nominated Lincoln in 1860 and was an elector that year on the republican ticket for Kentucky, aroused the violent opposition and personal animosity of the sympathizers of the southern cause in Bourbon county. When the opposition took the form of personal violence and an unsuccessful attempt was made upon the life of Mr. Marston, he was spirited away by his Masonic brethren.

These were the causes which led the Marston family, in 1863, to emigrate to Vermilion county, Illinois, where in a few years we find the elder Marston again active in political and literary fields.

Oliver J. Marston, the subject of this sketch, and now professor of political economy and sociology in Ripon College, has been connected with that institution since 1902. He was born in Hoopeston, Illinois, February 3, 1874, and is a son of Oliver N. and Hannah (Webb) Marston, both early pioneers of Vermilion county. His father was the son of Hon. Lyford Marston and was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, in 1846, became an officer in the Federal troops of that state at the early age of sixteen, and in 1863 came to Illinois with his parents where he engaged in farming. He was the father of four children: Hattie, now Mrs. Hattie Marston McGrew, of Hoopeston, Illinois; Lyford, who is deceased; Oliver J., the subject of this sketch; and Carl M., who holds the position of telegraph editor on the Chicago Record Herald.

Oliver J. Marston received his early education in the public schools of Hoopeston, Illinois. He entered Johns Hopkins University as a graduate student in the fall of 1899 and the following year went to the University of Wisconsin where he continued his studies and researches for nearly three years along the lines of history, economics, sociology, and political science. He received his degrees of B. S., A. B. and A. M. from Greer College, which institution he attended from 1894 to 1899, these studies being preceded by a course in shorthand and bookkeeping. In 1902 he accepted the position of instructor in Ripon College and held this position until the following year, when he was made professor of political economy and sociology in the same institution and in this office he is still active. For some time the departments of history and economics were united in one chair, occupied by Professor Marston until 1911, when the two departments were separated and our subject given the professorship in economics. His work as a historian has always been remarkable for the depth of its research and its detailed and systematic thoroughness. The same qualities which made Professor Marston successful in the chair of history have marked his work in political economy and sociology. He has gained an enviable reputation along these lines and has traveled and lectured extensively. During the summers of 1907 and 1908, he was connected with the Bureau of University Travel of Boston, conducting parties through Europe and lecturing on the social and economic conditions of the peoples they visited. In his preparation for these lectures he visited the slum districts of the principal cities of Europe and Egypt, besides many of the larger cities of eastern and central United States. He has been prominently connected with the Chautauqua tours of Chicago since 1910 and has added to his European lectures, courses on painting, sculpture, and architecture as well as lectures on the history of the people. His travels take him through all the countries of Europe and northern Africa where he has taken many photographs of the scenes of his journeys, which he has incorporated into his lectures in stereopticon views. Mr. Marston is keenly interested in the social problems of his time. The depth of his knowledge is remarkable and he carries on his studies in an exhaustive and scientific manner.

In 1899 Professor Marston was united in marriage to Miss Olive Johnston, of Hoopeston, Illinois, a daughter of Lieutenant A. N. and Paradine (Martin) Johnston. Her family were pioneer settlers of Missouri and came to Illinois at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Marston are the parents of two children, Albert O. and Ida H., both of whom are living at home. The family hold membership in the Universalist church. Professor Marston is a member of the Ripon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is prominent in the Masonic order. When the Wisconsin Civil law was passed Professor Marston became the chief examiner of his district. He has been a member of the United States Historical Society, the State Historical Association of Wisconsin, the Tour Conductors' Association, and was one of the organizers of the State Social Club. He is the author of various

articles on historical, economic and sociological subjects. He possesses one of the largest private libraries in the northwest and one of its interesting features is a collection of eighteen thousand valuable clippings carefully catalogued and constantly growing. He is deeply interested in sociology and is urged on in his labors in this field by his overpowering sense of the universal brotherhood of man. He is a deep student, a logical thinker and is endowed with a keenly discriminating intelligence. He has that keen sense of our interdependence upon one another and our eager need of human fellowship which makes him regard every person with whom he comes in contact as a man and a brother.

JOHN H. PAAS.

John H. Paas has for twenty-eight years been actively identified with the commercial interests of Campbellsport, where he is engaged in the drug business. A member of one of Fond du Lac county's worthy pioneer families, his birth here occurred on November 26, 1855, his parents being John and Katherine (Uerlings) Paas. They were both natives of Prussia, the father's birth having occurred in Treves in 1824, and that of the mother in Cologne in April, 1826. Hoping to better his circumstances, John Paas, who followed farming in the old country, emigrated to the United States, in 1850 coming direct to Wisconsin, and landing at Sheboygan. The next year, in 1851, he came to Fond du Lac county and purchased eighty acres of wild land in Lamartine township. He was married the same year and his wife made her home on the farm, although much of Mr. Paas' time was spent in Fond du Lac, where he conducted a hotel first for Mr. Heleman and later for Rudolph Koehne, remaining in the latter's employ for seventeen years. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Paas, of whom our subject is the eldest. Margaret, whose birth occurred on October 1, 1857, passed away in 1879. Jennie, who was born on the 2d of June, 1860, resides in Fond du Lac. The parents attained a ripe old age, the mother being seventy-five years when she passed away on the 6th of September, 1901, while the father's death occurred at the age of eighty-one on August 13, 1905.

The early advantages of John H. Paas were not better than those of the average lad reared in Wisconsin during the pioneer days. He began his education in the parochial schools of Fond du Lac, subsequently continuing his studies in the public school for a year or two, after which he took a fifteen months' course in a business college. Upon the termination of his student days he was well equipped educationally for the practical duties of life. He began his independent career as a teacher, following this vocation from 1874 to 1886. During that time he accumulated sufficient money to enable him to identify himself with commercial activities, and together with Platt Durand he engaged in the drug business at Campbellsport. They were associated for sixteen years. Mr. Durand then sold his interest in the enterprise to W. E. Hendrichs, and two years later Mr. Paas bought out Mr. Hendrichs. He conducted the business alone thereafter until 1909, when he took his son Herman J. into partnership. They carry a good assortment of drugs, patent medicines, toilet articles, paints and such sundries as are usually to be found in a store of this kind, and as their prices are reasonable and their method of conducting business honorable they have a well established trade.

On the 14th of September, 1886, John H. Paas and Miss Elizabeth M. Dunkel were married. Miss Dunkel is a daughter of Carl Dunkel, who came to America on the same boat with John Paas. He located in Oshkosh, this state, and there Mrs. Paas was born and reared. Five children have been born to Mr.

and Mrs. John H. Paas: Herman J., who is associated in business with his father; Margaret C.; Leona A.; Estelle M.; and Germaine R.

The family are members of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church. In his political views Mr. Paas is independent, never having identified himself with any party, but according his support to such men and principles as he considers best adapted to serve the country's interests. He has efficiently served as president of the village, having discharged the duties of that office for three years, while for six years he was treasurer of the high-school district and for two years township clerk. He also has acted for seventeen years as treasurer of the Campbellsport Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In whatever capacity he serves, Mr. Paas proves efficient, discharging his duties in a manner which commends him to the confidence of his fellow townsmen, who hold him in high regard, both by reason of his personal qualities and the efficient service he has rendered the community.

CHESTER E. TRIPP.

Chester E. Tripp is the owner of a well improved and cultivated farm in Eden township, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising. His birth occurred in Oneida county, New York, on the 15th of February, 1847, his parents being Ephraim and Sarah (Bartlett) Tripp. The father, who was also a native of Oneida county, and a farmer, removed to Wisconsin with his wife and family in 1854, locating in Walworth county. He remained there until the spring of 1862, when he came to this county and for two years thereafter resided in Fond du Lac township. At the expiration of that time he purchased one hundred and eighty-seven acres of partly improved land in Eden township, which was thereafter the family home. Ephraim Tripp and his son Chester applied themselves with energy and diligence to the further development of this property, and through their united efforts brought the fields under cultivation and made extensive general improvements on their farm. There was a log cabin on the place when it came into their possession and for some years the family lived in it, but as time passed their circumstances improved and they built a substantial frame house. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Tripp, all natives of the state of New York, with the exception of the two youngest who were born in Wisconsin. Those beside our subject, who was the fourth in order of birth, are as follows: Sarah Patience; John B., who served in the Thirty-second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war; Mary, who married E. C. Airhart, of Osceola township; Margarete, who married Dr. H. H. Hanners of Eden; Eugene; Hannah, who married Joseph Storms of Marshalltown, Iowa; Jennie, who is the wife of Adam Spencer; and Albert. The mother, who passed away in 1863, at the age of forty-three years, was survived by the father, who was sixty at the time of his death, in 1876.

Chester E. Tripp, who was a lad of seven years, when his parents left New York, began his education in the public schools of his native state and completed it in a select school in Fond du Lac. The son of a farmer, he early became familiar with the work connected with the tilling of soil and care of crops, remaining at home and assisting his father until he had attained his maturity. He then began working for himself and for two or three years engaged in buying and shipping stock. This venture proved to be fairly lucrative, and by 1870 he had acquired sufficient money to purchase sixty-three acres of the old homestead. He placed upon this land the necessary improvements and located there immediately after his marriage, which occurred the same year. Mr. Tripp has wrought great changes in his property during the intervening

years, having brought it from practically a wild state to a state of high cultivation. He has improved it with a large, comfortable residence, commodious barns and substantial outbuildings, while his fields are well fenced and his equipment is fully adequate for his needs.

In 1870, Chester E. Tripp was married to Miss Hannah J. Keys, a daughter of William and Margaret (Wiley) Keys, natives of Ireland. Mrs. Tripp was born in Ireland on the 30th of April, 1850, and the same year her parents emigrated to the United States, coming direct to Fond du Lac. In 1853, the father bought a farm in Osceola township, which he cultivated until his death, which occurred in 1883, at the age of seventy-three years. He was survived by the mother, who had passed the eighty-sixth anniversary of her birth when she passed away in 1892. To Mr. and Mrs. Tripp were born four children. In order of birth they are as follows: Herbert Ephraim, who lives at home and assists his father in the operation of the farm; Rose Belle, the wife of William Titus, of Fond du Lac; Jennie Lind, the wife of Fred Sievers, a bridge foreman who travels and makes his headquarters at Chicago; and Thomas Delbert, who died at the age of thirteen years. Mrs. Rose Belle Titus is the mother of four children, Alberta, Winifred, Arthur and Marjorie. Mrs. Jennie Sievers has one son, Gordon Keith.

Mr. Tripp has pronounced views on the temperance question and gives his political support to the prohibition party. He has been a delegate to their national convention on several occasions. For two years he served his township as assessor and he has been a member of the board of supervisors. Mr. Tripp is the nominee for sheriff of the county on the prohibition ticket. Both he and Mrs. Tripp are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and number among its congregation many stanch friends of long years standing. They are of high principles and noble standards, and their influence is ever exercised for the betterment of the community.

HENRY HARM.

Henry Harm, who owns a farm in Rosendale township, where he is largely engaged in the breeding and raising of high-grade stock, was born on the 6th of November, 1864, three miles east of Ripon on the Fond du Lac road. He is a son of Christian and Frederick (Wallace) Harm, who were born, reared and married in Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States during the Civil war. They came direct to Ripon and here the father, who had early been trained to agricultural pursuits worked for various farmers in the community. He thus acquired sufficient means to purchase twenty acres of land, which he operated for several years and then sold. He later bought other places, which he likewise disposed of, and also farmed as a renter. Subsequently he purchased eighty acres of land near Fairwater, which he cultivated for nine years, and then selling it removed to South Dakota. After one year's residence in the latter state he returned to Fond du Lac county, and for six or seven years thereafter rented the old Barlow farm. The mother passed away in 1906, at the age of seventy-eight and the father is living retired at the age of eighty-three, making his home with one of his sons in Green Lake county.

Fond du Lac county has always been the home of Henry Harm, the greater part of whose life has been passed in the vicinity of his present residence. He was given the advantages of a common-school education, and under the direction of his father early learned to till the fields and care for the crops. He is very diligent and enterprising and everything he owns has been acquired through his individual effort, as he early began making his own way in the world. Of recent years his attention has been largely given to the breeding of stock, and

it is his ambition to make his place one of the model stock farms of the county. He owns a fine herd of dairy cows and a Guernsey bull. His place is well kept, its appearance readily manifesting the competent supervision and capable direction that invariably result in lucrative returns.

On the 13th of March, 1890, Mr. Harm was married to Miss Minnie Zinzow, a native of Germany, who came to America with her parents when a child. Her mother passed away four years ago at the age of seventy-five years, and the father, who is now eighty-four years old, makes his home with our subject. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Harm numbers seven, Ida, Dora, Helen, Lydia, Fred, Edward and Minnie. They are giving their children good educational advantages and the fourth daughter, Lydia, has learned the dressmaker's trade.

The family are members of the German Evangelical church, and politically Mr. Harm is a republican. He has worked tirelessly for many years, applying himself with unremitting persistence to the realization of his ambition, and is now meeting with the success he so justly merits. Mr. Harm is held in favorable regard by his neighbors and fellow townsmen, who have found him to be strictly honest and honorable in his transactions, and accord him their respect and confidence.

ROBERT M. BYRNES.

Robert M. Byrnes, whose home is in Empire township where he engages in the scientific cultivation of one hundred and eighty acres of productive land, is one of the well known citizens of that district and is prominent both as an agriculturist and as a private citizen. He was born in Fond du Lac county, July 13, 1857, and is a son of Maurice and Rose Annie (Reilly) Byrnes, both natives of Ireland. The father's birth occurred near the city of Dublin in 1822, and he came to America when he was a young man. His first residence was in Boston, Massachusetts, where he worked in a turpentine refinery. He married in that city and afterward removed to Wisconsin, located in Fond du Lac and worked as a teamster for a few years. He was also active in other lines of activity there but eventually purchased a farm in Empire township and cultivated sixty acres of land for some time. He then sold his original holdings and bought eighty acres in the same township. This farm he also later sold and purchased the land which his son Robert now cultivates. He lived in Empire township, and was prominent in agricultural circles, until his death in 1877. His wife survived him until November, 1891, and passed away upon the home farm, sixty years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Byrnes were the parents of six children, Thomas Henry, John Edward, James Reilly, Robert M., Pierre and Frank. The latter two are now practicing physicians in Chicago and well known among their medical brethren. Thomas Henry and John Edward died in 1912. James R. is a retired farmer living in Osage, Iowa.

Robert M. Byrnes was educated in the district school of his native township and was familiar with farm work from his early youth. He assisted in the operation of the home farm and upon the death of his father applied the practical knowledge he had gained, to its development and cultivation. He was associated in this enterprise with his brother John until the latter's death in 1912 when Robert undertook the management and control of the property. Mr. Byrnes carries on his work along progressive lines, and by the application of scientific principles he has made extensive improvements upon his property. He plants his acres in the grains and vegetables best suited to the soil and climate, and makes his farm profitable by intelligent management. During his brother John's life a fine house was built upon the land and many barns and outbuildings were erected.

On June 15, 1887, Robert M. Byrnes was united in marriage to Miss Jane Tuite, a daughter of Nicholas Tuite. To this union were born two children, Rose Jane and Robert Frank. Mrs. Jane Byrnes passed away on the 1st of November, 1891, and two years afterward Mr. Byrnes was again married. His second wife was Miss Theresa Bruns, a daughter of Frank Bruns, of Lamar-tine, Wisconsin. By his second marriage Mr. Byrnes has four children, Emmett M., Jeannette, Mildred and Virginia, all of whom are living with their parents on the home farm.

Mr. Byrnes votes the democratic ticket on national issues but in local affairs casts an independent ballot. He is actively interested in all movements looking toward the welfare of his native section. He was township supervisor for two terms and has also been director of the school board. He affiliates with the Roman Catholic faith and is a regular attendant at St. Michael's church. He is well known in Empire township, having been a resident of this district all his life. His scientific farming, his genuine and well deserved success and his generous and lovable personality have gained for him many friends.

ADON BROWNE.

Adon Browne, known as one of the hardest working farmers in Fond du Lac county, has applied his energies intelligently and capably as is evidenced by the appearance of his well kept fields, and the condition of his homestead generally. The greater part of his life has been passed in the vicinity of his present home, although he is a native of the state of New York. His father, Asa Browne was born and reared in Wales, but in his early manhood he came to America, locating in Pennsylvania. There he followed farming and also engaged in railroad contracting. He married Sarah Evans, a native of the Keystone state, and they later removed to New York, where their son Adon was born on the 20th of October, 1852. After a residence in that state of about two years, they removed to Washington county, Wisconsin. Another two years marked their removal to Fond du Lac county, where they located in 1855. The father here purchased eighty acres of wild land near the Sheboygan county line, and began pioneering. For a brief period the family lived in a crudely constructed log cabin with a bark floor, but this was soon replaced by a larger and more commodious log structure, and there our subject passed his boyhood. In 1879, Mr. Browne returned to the east, passing the remainder of his life in Virginia, where his death occurred in 1891, at the age of seventy-four years. He was survived by the mother, who was seventy-two when she passed away in 1895. They were the parents of ten children. During the early days of the Civil war, Mr. Browne joined one of the Wisconsin regiments and went to the front, remaining in the service for two and a half years.

Adon Browne was only about a year old when his parents came to Wisconsin, and was three when they settled in Fond du Lac county. He was reared in practically the same manner as other children of the pioneer period. His education was acquired in the district schools in the vicinity of his home, and when not engaged with his lessons much of his time was occupied in performing the usual tasks assigned country lads. Money was scarce at that period and amusements few, and the youngsters early had instilled in them an appreciation of the duties and obligations of life. Thus long before he had attained his maturity Adon Browne was able to do a man's work about the farm, performing his tasks with intelligence and thoughtfulness. With the exception of four years when he hired out by the month to other farmers, he worked for his father until he began farming for himself. At the age of twenty-four years he and his brother David invested their accumulated savings in a small tract of land, which they

cultivated on the cooperative plan. The place was too small to prove profitable for two, and so Adon sold his portion to his brother and purchased eighty-five acres of wild land on the west shore of Long Lake. This tract formed the nucleus of his present homestead. Much work was involved in clearing the land and preparing it for cultivation, but Mr. Browne belongs to that class of men to whom all achievements are possible. He worked from morning till night, but his activities were well organized and systematically pursued and each day marked a definite accomplishment. His first buildings were frame, but they were plain and simple, constructed purely for utility. Time brought the success that invariably rewards the diligent man, who works with a definite aim, and another hundred and seventy-five acres were added to his original holding. The progress of the age was indicated in his improved and modern equipment, as well as in the comfortable house and large barns, and today he owns one of the most attractive and valuable properties in Osceola township. He is respected in his community as he is an efficient and capable business man and a worthy citizen. In the advancement of his own interests he has promoted those of his fellow townsmen, and he has also directly forwarded the general development by cooperating in the progression of its public utilities.

In 1876, Mr. Browne was married to Miss Mary Calvey. She was born in Sheboygan county but is of Irish extraction, her parents, Edward and Celia Calvey, having been natives of the Emerald isle. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Browne: Mary, who died in infancy; Mary; Laura, who is deceased; Christina; Mabel; Eva; Joseph; Edith; and Clement.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and are members of Sacred Heart parish of Dundee. Mr. Browne votes with the republican party, and has figured prominently in township politics. He served for eighteen years as overseer of the highways, while for a long period he discharged the duties of school treasurer and director and for four years he was supervisor. In the fulfilment of his duties as a public official Mr. Browne manifests the promptness, trustworthiness and general efficiency that characterizes him in all of his relations of life, as he considers that anything which is deserving of his attention is worthy of his best efforts.

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WILLIAM WHALEN.

William Whalen is living in Brandon, Wisconsin, and follows the carpenter's trade. He is successful by reason of his mechanical dexterity and his inborn handiness with tools. His life has been largely given to agricultural pursuits and for many years he operated a fine farm of three hundred acres, constituting his father's first purchase in Wisconsin, and was successful and prosperous as a general farmer. He was born in Columbia county, Wisconsin, June 27, 1865, and is the son of Kerin and Frances (Ryan) Whalen, natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States, locating first in Utica, New York, where he worked in a cotton factory for some time. He was married in that city and in the early '50s came to Lodi, Wisconsin, where he rented a tract of land and carried on general farming for several years. In the fall of 1871 he purchased a small farm, to which he kept adding at intervals until he owned over three hundred acres all highly improved and developed. He remained upon his property until his death, which occurred on December 9, 1902. His wife was born in Ireland in 1834 and came to the United States with her parents, locating in Utica, New York. She died on her husband's farm in Columbia county, Wisconsin, in 1906.

William Whalen attended district school and during his boyhood aided his father in the work of the farm, gaining in this way a valuable experience in the details of progressive agriculture. Two years before his marriage he pur-

chased his father's farm and carried on its operation until 1909. He was prosperous and successful in his agricultural labors because his methods were practical. He was careful to plant the most suitable grains and each year abundant harvests rewarded his energy and discrimination. His farm was one of the finest in the section at the time when he disposed of it and his labors have been factors in the development of the county. He is now residing in Brandon, Wisconsin, and has taken up carpenter work on a small scale. He never learned this trade but has natural talent and inclination for it.

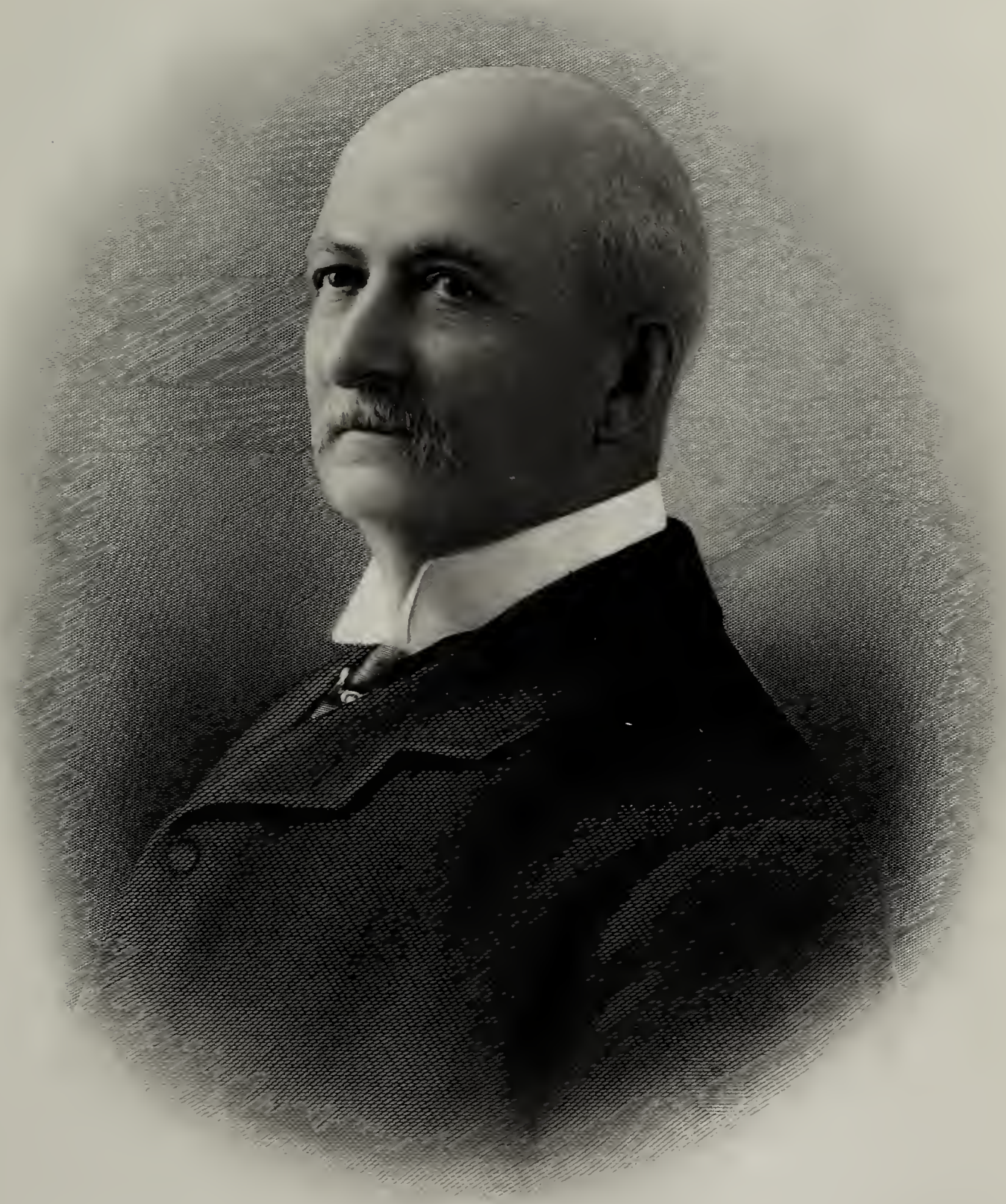
In 1897 Mr. Whalen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Doudell, a daughter of James and Mary (Martin) Doudell, the former of whom was born in New Jersey in 1845 and the latter in Columbia county, Wisconsin, in 1852. Both are of Irish parentage. The father came to Columbia county when he was still a young man and engaged in farming as a laborer for some time. He later purchased eighty acres, to which he has added eighty more, and is active in the management of his enterprise. His wife passed away in 1904. Mrs. Whalen was born in Columbia county, Wisconsin, October 14, 1874, and taught school for a short time before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen are the parents of six children: Francis, born September 7, 1899, in Columbia county, this state, who is living at home; Mary, who was born in 1900, and died in 1904; Eileen, whose birth occurred in Columbia county on March 21, 1903; Verna, also a native of Columbia county, born February 22, 1908; Zita, born July 17, 1911; and Leon, who was born in Columbia county, June 26, 1905.

In his political views Mr. Whalen is a consistent democrat but has never been an office seeker. He and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Whalen belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Equitable Fraternal Union of Poynette, Columbia county. He is one of the enterprising citizens of the section in which he resides and was for many years engaged in a representative industry. By intelligent labor and careful management he brought his enterprise to a point of success where it was a not inconsiderable unit of the agricultural wealth of this district. His private life is marked by the same upright and worthy qualities which made his farming career so successful and he is numbered among Fond du Lac county's most valued and progressive citizens.

GEORGE L. FIELD.

The name of George L. Field was long associated with banking interests in Ripon and figured prominently in connection with financial interests in that city. Honored and respected by all, no man occupied a more enviable position in business circles, not alone by reason of the success he achieved but also owing to the straightforward and progressive methods which he followed. While he attained a position of prominence it was due entirely to his own labors for he started out in life at the age of fifteen years, practically empty-handed, his sole possessions consisting of twelve dollars in cash and a new suit of clothing. He felt that opportunity lay before him and he knew that if industry, close application and determination could win success it would be his, yet there were many years of arduous and unrelenting toil ere he reached a position among the prosperous business men of his adopted city.

Mr. Field was born in New Berlin, New York, on September 3, 1836, and pursued his education in the public schools and in an academy of that place, while spending his youthful days under the parental roof. His father, Arnold Field, was also a native of Chenango county, New York. He was only in moderate circumstances so that the boy felt it incumbent upon him to provide for his own support when a youth of fifteen. He went to Albany where he en-



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tered the employ of Boardman, Gray & Company, with whom he continued for about five years. His salary the first year was one hundred and twenty-five dollars and, though he had to pay his board and meet all other expenses he managed to save four dollars. The next year brought him an increase in wages and from that point onward his progress was continuous. Attracted by the opportunities of the west he came to Wisconsin in 1857 and secured the position of bookkeeper and teller in the Bank of Watertown. There his ability soon won him recognition in promotion to the position of assistant cashier and he remained at Watertown until 1863, when he came to Ripon and was made cashier of the Bank of Ripon. From that time forward until his demise he was closely associated with financial interests in this city. On the 19th of March, 1864, the Bank of Ripon was reorganized as the First National Bank and Mr. Field became its cashier and was also elected to the directorate. He thus had voice in the active management of the bank and some years prior to his death was elected president. He was instrumental in shaping its policy and molding its destiny and the progressive methods of the bank, tempered by a safe conservatism, won success for the institution and gave Mr. Field prominence in banking circles in this state. He was at one time president of the Wisconsin Bankers' Association and was still further honored in his election to the vice presidency of the National Bankers' Association. His identification with the local bank covered forty-nine years and throughout that time the most malevolent never uttered a word against his business policy or the course which he pursued in connection with the institution.

On the 11th of September, 1860, Mr. Field was united in marriage to Miss Imogene Harger, of Watertown, Wisconsin, and unto them were born four children: Helen Isabella, who died in 1869; Amy D., who on the 3d of May, 1894, became the wife of Dr. E. C. Barnes, of Ripon; Imogene E., at home; and Arnold Wilson, who died in 1892, at the age of twenty-one years.

Mr. Field gave his political allegiance to the republican party and while he never sought nor desired office he served as mayor of the city in 1869 and in many ways was its financial agent in conducting negotiations. In community affairs as in his business relations he ever stood for progress and improvement and his influence and aid were potent elements for the upbuilding of this city. Throughout his life Mr. Field was a communicant of the Episcopal church and during the entire period of his residence in Ripon he was a member of the vestry of St. Peters church, while from 1886 he acted as senior warden. His life, which has covered a span of more than seventy-five years, was well spent. For sixty years of that period he provided for his own maintenance and gradually worked his way upward to honorable success, and though business cares made close demand upon his time and energies he always found opportunity to aid in matters relating to the public good and to the moral welfare of the community. His life was fraught with many good deeds and acts of kindness and the sterling traits of his character commended him to the confidence and good-will of all who knew him.

EDGAR J. BURNSIDE.

Edgar J. Burnside has for twenty-eight years been engaged in the drug business in Ripon, during which time he has also been prominently identified with municipal affairs, having been alderman from his ward for several terms, while in 1893 he was called to the mayor's chair. He was born in Green Lake county, this state, in 1862, and is a son of Daniel and Arsenith (Lake) Burnside. The parents were both natives of the state of New York, the father of Scotch and the mother of Holland Dutch and American extraction. They came to Wisconsin in 1846, locating in Green Lake county, where the father acquired

government land and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He subsequently increased his holdings as his means permitted until he owned one of the best farms in the community, in the cultivation of which he engaged until his death in 1896. He was a public-spirited man and took an active interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the community, particularly those of a political nature, giving his support to the democratic party. He was several times called to office in his township and discharged his duties efficiently. The mother is also deceased, having passed away in 1894. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Burnside numbered five, two daughters, both of whom are deceased, and three sons: Ira, who is living retired in Ripon; Edgar J., our subject; and Charles, who is filling a government position in Washington, D. C.

In the acquirement of his education Edgar J. Burnside attended public school. Upon terminating his student days he went to Markesan, Wisconsin, where he was employed in a drug store for three years and from there came to Ripon in 1882 and took a position in the store of F. S. Wilson, a druggist, with whom he remained for two years. At the expiration of that time he bought out the drug business of Akin Brothers, which he has ever since been conducting. As he has an attractive store, keeps a good assortment of drugs and sundries, and is courteous and accommodating to his patrons he has built up a large trade, and his is one of the thriving enterprises of the town.

In 1887, Mr. Burnside was married to Miss Blanche McArthur of this city and a daughter of Mrs. M. L. McArthur, who came to Ripon in 1880 from New York, where her husband had died some time previously. One daughter has been born of this marriage, Olive M., who is living at home and attending Ripon College.

The family are members of the Congregational church, and fraternally Mr. Burnside is identified with the Masonic order. His allegiance in political matters he accords the democratic party, and takes an active interest in all local affairs. He has held official positions during a large portion of the time he has resided in Ripon, and besides serving as mayor and alderman was for several years president of the school board. Mr. Burnside is a man who, despite the exactions of his private interests, always finds time to fulfill his duties as a citizen, and can be depended upon to cooperate in forwarding every movement that he feels will promote the development of the community or its public utilities.

JOHN R. MAXIM.

John R. Maxim, one of the pioneer settlers of Springvale township and one of its best known and most highly respected citizens, resides on a farm on section 27. His birth occurred in Mentor, Ohio, on the 27th of April, 1826, his parents being John and Polly Maxim, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, died when our subject was but three years of age, being stricken with cholera morbus while in a hay-field and passing away within an hour. His wife, who survived him for a half century, died in Indiana.

When a child of three years John R. Maxim was given to the care of John Pattison, a Pennsylvania farmer. Though he attended school there but a short time, his knowledge was later augmented by reading, experience and observation. When a youth of fifteen he was bound in apprenticeship to a tailor and worked at the trade for a period of three years. Subsequently he spent seven years as a farm hand in Pennsylvania in the employ of James Dickson. In 1850 he came to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and purchased a farm on section 27, Springvale township, where he has resided throughout the intervening period of sixty-two years. He bought the place, comprising fifty acres, from John Hazen at a

cost of six dollars an acre, paying two hundred and fifty dollars cash and working out the remainder of the purchase price at thirteen dollars per month. In 1853 he returned to Pennsylvania to claim his sweetheart, was married and came back to his farm where in 1851 he had erected a house, sixteen by twenty feet, for his prospective bride. During the first summer after his marriage the primitive little home was not even plastered. The country was still largely wild and undeveloped, and Mr. Maxim undertook the arduous task of developing a farm from the raw oak openings. His well directed labors were attended with success and his property steadily became more valuable and productive. He still owns his original tract of fifty acres but has sold later acquisitions to his son Frank. At the age of eighty-six years he is active and energetic, shunning idleness and keeping busy in order that his faculties may not be impaired by disuse. He considers it both a duty and pleasure to keep the lawn mowed and takes care of a fine garden. His wife likewise enjoys good health. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1903, which occasion was marked by a joyous family reunion as well as the presence of many friends. The esteem generally accorded the couple found tangible evidence in many gifts and tokens of remembrance.

It was in the spring of 1853 that Mr. Maxim was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Brindle, her father being Joseph Brindle, who was the first white male child born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and who became a well known agriculturist there. He was of Dutch descent and spent his entire life in the Keystone state. Mr. and Mrs. Maxim have three children. Frank, who wedded Miss Hannah Payne, resides on the old home farm and operates the same in connection with his own property. He devotes his attention to the pursuits of general farming and stock-raising and also conducts a dairy business. Fred, is an extensive landowner and farmer of Tower City, North Dakota. Fern E., lives in Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Maxim adopted and reared an orphan, Stella, who is the wife of Joseph H. Dixon, one of Brandon's best known stock-breeders and agriculturists. A bond of friendship still exists between the foster parents and the once orphaned girl. Mr. Maxim once paid Mrs. Dixon a rare tribute in saying that he had never heard her speak a cross or unkind word to any living soul.

In politics Mr. Maxim is a stanch republican, having ever been unflinchingly loyal to the men, measures and principles of that party. He helped to build the Congregational church of Waupun township and both he and his wife hold membership therein. They have an extensive circle of friends throughout the community, for in all relations of life they have manifested those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime command confidence and regard.

WILLIAM J. REILLY.

William J. Reilly is one of the prosperous and enterprising agriculturists of Fond du Lac county and has met with a gratifying degree of success in this line of endeavor. He is of Irish lineage and his father, James Reilly, was the first of the name to settle in America. The father was born in County Galway, Ireland, in 1825, and spent his youth in his native country. He came to the United States when he was twenty years of age and located for some time in New York. His residence in Wisconsin dates from 1847, in which year he came to Byron township, Fond du Lac county, where he worked on a farm for nine years. He was thrifty and ambitious and was soon able to purchase forty acres of land in Byron township. He, however, never lived upon this farm and in 1876 he removed to Eden where he purchased land which he improved and operated until his death in 1907. In 1877, at Fond du Lac, he married Miss Cecilia Mul-

ligan, a daughter of Thomas and Katherine Mulligan, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Boston, Massachusetts. To Mr. and Mrs. James Reilly were born three children: Katherine, now Mrs. John Flood; William J., the subject of this review; and Mrs. May Frances Rehorst.

William J. Reilly was born upon the home farm near Eden, March 5, 1879. He received his education in the district school of the township and worked from an early age upon his father's farm. After James Reilly's death his son William took entire charge of the direction and management of the one hundred and sixty acres which constituted the father's holdings and upon this tract of land he still resides. He has greatly improved the property by installing efficient and modern farm machinery, by building up-to-date barns and by carrying on his general agriculture in a progressive way.

On June 24, 1908, William J. Reilly was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Baumhardt, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Baumhardt. To Mr. and Mrs. Reilly three children have been born: Lawrence James, born on the 12th of April, 1909; Leo Francis, whose birth occurred October 23, 1910; and Mary, born on the 17th of January, 1912. Mr. Reilly and his entire family are devout adherents to the Roman Catholic faith and are regular attendants at St. James' Catholic church of Eden.

Politically he gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He always votes this ticket on national issues but reserves his judgment in local affairs, following the policy of voting for the best man regardless of party. He has served as school clerk for three years and has done able work in this capacity. He is one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of Fond du Lac county and his intelligent industry and discrimination combined with his knowledge of agricultural economics is rapidly gaining for him a high place in the farming community in which he resides.

JAMES HODGE.

James Hodge was born in Fond du Lac county and is a son of a pioneer in its settlement. He is one of the best known farmers in Auburn township where he was at one time an extensive land owner, although he has now disposed of his holdings with the exception of twenty acres upon which he lives. He was born in Wisconsin, August 27, 1868, in Osceola township and is a son of Richard and Sarah (Knapp) Hodge. His father was a native of New York state and followed the trade of a stone mason in that section. He married there and came with his wife to Osceola township in the early days of its settlement, taking up a tract of wild land which he improved and cultivated. He also followed his trade and was the builder of most of the stone walls in Eden and Osceola townships which were erected at that time. During the last eight or ten years of his life he resided in Auburn township where his death occurred when he was sixty-three years of age. He was twice married. By his first union with Miss Sarah Knapp, the mother of our subject, he had six children: Amy, born in Warsaw, New York; Emily, born in Wyoming, that state; Mary, who was born in Osceola, Fond du Lac county, and died at the age of nineteen months; Samuel, who passed away when he was twenty years of age; James, the subject of this sketch; and George, who died at the age of twenty-three. After the death of his first wife Richard Hodge married Miss Sarah Thompson of Canada, and two sons, William and John, were born to this union.

James Hodge spent his boyhood upon his father's farm and at an early age became acquainted with the details and methods of agriculture. He spent three winters working in the lumber camps in the northern part of the state and when he had attained his majority rented land in Sheboygan county which he operated

for one year. At the end of that time he moved to Antigo but lived there only two months when his father died and he returned to Fond du Lac county. Here he rented land and for five or six years was successful in its cultivation. When he was twenty-seven years of age he purchased one hundred and nineteen acres in Osceola township and after operating this farm for two years he moved to the village of Newcastle where he lived for two years. In 1907 he purchased one hundred and thirty-eight acres in Auburn township and carried on general agriculture upon this property for some time. He has now, however, disposed of most of his holdings, retaining only twenty acres on which he is residing. He has been successful as a dealer in farm lands, being an expert judge of values and having a comprehensive grasp of modern conditions. In 1908 he purchased four hundred and thirty-three acres in Virginia intending at that time to live in that state. He later, however, abandoned this idea and has placed the Virginia farm under the care of a manager.

In 1889 Mr. Hodge was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Bast, a daughter of Nicholas and Minnie Bast, natives of Germany. She came to America with her parents when she was only one year old and remained at home until her marriage. Our subject and his wife had two children: Minnie, who was born on August 7, 1890, and married Gilbert D. McDougall, of Dundee, Wisconsin; and Richard, whose birth occurred on March 16, 1892, and who married Miss Harriet Finholt. Mrs. Minnie (Bast) Hodge passed away in 1895 and in 1899 Mr. Hodge married Mrs. Mary Jacobitz.

Although intelligently interested in public advancement and progress Mr. Hodge has never sought public office. He is a Mormon and serves as a missionary in his church. He has a wide acquaintance in the section in which he resides and is highly esteemed and respected. His business methods are upright and straightforward and they have combined with his long experience and his detailed knowledge of agricultural methods in the promotion of a distinct and substantial success.

FRANK C. ENGEL.

Frank C. Engel has given his energies and activities all during his life to agriculture, cultivating one hundred and twenty acres of land. He was born on the adjoining home farm, on which his brother William lives. His success is evidence of his well directed and intelligent efforts. He is of German parentage and his father, John Engel, was born in the fatherland in 1852. He was educated in his native country and came to America with his father, Peter Engel, when he was ten years of age. The grandfather of our subject settled with his family in Fond du Lac county and his son John worked out upon the neighboring farms as a laborer. He was ambitious and economical and was soon able to purchase eighty acres of land near Taycheedah, where he was successful as an agriculturist until 1906 when he retired from active life and bought property in the city of Fond du Lac where he now resides. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss Barbara Will, and to their union were born nine children: Barbara, deceased; and John, Frank C., Annie, Herman, Bertha, Katherine, William and Emma.

Frank Engel was born on the home farm December 10, 1872, and at an early period in his career became intimately acquainted with agricultural life in its various details. He attended the district schools during the winter but gave his summers and leisure hours to assisting his father in the cultivation of the soil. He remained at home until 1898 when he purchased eighty acres which comprise his present farm and later added forty acres thereto. Mr. Engel is responsible for all the improvements which have been made upon his property and has built a modern and conveniently equipped house, new barns,

silos and outbuildings, and has shown himself to be a man possessed of progressive and scientific tendencies along agricultural lines.

In 1899 Mr. Engel was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Feyen, a daughter of Henry and Annie Feyen of Taycheedah. Mr. and Mrs. Engel are the parents of three children: Amanda, whose birth occurred on the 16th of June, 1902; Harry, who was born August 31, 1904; and Dorothy, whose birth occurred November 29, 1909. Mr. Engel and his family hold membership in St. Michael's Catholic church of Forest township, and their name is well known in church circles. In national politics Mr. Engel is a democrat but keeps an independent judgment on local issues. The farm which he is cultivating is one of the valuable properties of Empire township and is thoroughly equipped in all its appointments for the conduct of a modern agricultural enterprise.

HENRY MERJAY.

Henry Merjay is one of the estimable citizens and prosperous agriculturists of Osceola township, where he owns and operates a farm of two hundred acres. He was born in Luxemburg, on the 5th of June, 1865, and is a son of Edwin and Margaret (Gaul) Merjay. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, was also a native of Luxemburg and the mother of Belgium. They passed their entire lives in the old country, the mother's death occurring when our subject was a child of nine years, and that of the father when he was a youth of seventeen. Their family numbered three.

The boyhood and youth of Henry Merjay were passed in his native land. At the age of twenty years he came to the United States in search of his fortune, landing in New York city. Upon his arrival in this country his capital consisted of one cent, but he had no fears or apprehension about the future, as he was young and strong and was determined to succeed. He continued his journey to Chicago, where for a time he worked out by the month. From there he came to Fond du Lac county and obtained work as a farm hand, thus acquiring a practical knowledge of American agricultural methods. He had early been trained in habits of thrift and industry, which he diligently practiced, and at the end of a year was able to begin farming for himself as a renter. He first leased an eighty-acre tract and after cultivating it for three years removed to the place he now owns. Here he continued to farm as a renter for another three years, acquiring during that period the money necessary to purchase the place. It then bore little resemblance with its crude log cabin and barns and neglected fields to the well kept and attractive farm now known as the Merjay homestead. He readily recognized its possibilities, however, and energetically went to work to develop it in a systematic and capable manner. The result is to be seen in his highly cultivated fields, which annually yield abundant harvests, the substantial fences, well constructed buildings and his equipment. The early years were hard to overcome and fraught with all the hardships and discouragements that assail the man who is struggling to gain a foothold in the world with insufficient capital. Each year showed a marked advance, however, and in 1900 he was able to improve his place by the erection of a comfortable residence and large, commodious sheds and barns. He is very proud of his farm, which contains two hundred acres of land and is an attractive and valuable property.

Mr. Merjay has been ably assisted in his undertakings by his wife, who economically and judiciously manages the household affairs. Her maiden name was Eugenia Krell, and she was born in Belgium on the 26th of June, 1866, her parents being Frank and Theresa (Badeau) Krell, who passed their entire lives in the old country. She emigrated to the United States alone in

1890, coming direct to Osceola township, and here on January 7, of the following year, she and Mr. Merjay were married. They have become the parents of four children: Anna, who was born on the 7th of July, 1893; Henry, whose birth occurred on December 11, 1895; Viola, who was born on the 14th of February, 1898; and Kathryn, whose natal day was November 15, 1901.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and belong to the Lady of Angels parish of Osceola township. Mr. Merjay enjoys the full rights of citizenship, but has never identified himself with any political party, giving his support to such men and measures as he deems best qualified to subserve the highest interests. A man of diligence and enterprise he is highly esteemed in the community, where he has shown himself to be a worthy citizen, while in matters of business he is very honorable, conducting his transactions in a straightforward upright manner.

AUGUST LUEDTKE.

The name of Luedtke is well known in Ashford township, where members of the family have lived for three generations, each adding something to the progress of the agricultural development of the section. The family's present representative, August Luedtke, is one of the progressive and enterprising young agriculturists of Ashford township and his farm of two hundred and eighteen acres, well improved and highly developed, is distinctly modern in every particular. August Luedtke was born May 26, 1885, in Lomira, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and is a son of August and Mary (Grantman) Luedtke, natives of Germany. The family was founded in Wisconsin by the grandfather of our subject, John Luedtke, who settled in Milwaukee at an early date and after four years' residence in that city moved to Fond du Lac, where for three or four years he conducted a broom shop. He later purchased ten acres in Lomira township, where he cultivated the soil for ten years. At the end of this time he bought twenty acres in the same section and moved upon this farm, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a short time. He afterward sold this tract of land and after two years' residence with his oldest son Fred, purchased six acres from his youngest son August, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred in September, 1910, when he was ninety-two years of age. His wife, Frederica Luedtke, passed away in 1903, when she was seventy-eight years old. August Luedtke, the father of our subject, was one of two children born to his parents. His birth occurred in Germany, August 5, 1857, and he came to America with his parents when he was still a child. As a boy he worked in his father's broom factory and when he was twenty years old purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Lomira township, upon which his death occurred in 1902. He was a progressive and enterprising agriculturist and brought his land from a slightly improved state to an excellent and highly developed condition. He married Miss Mary Grantman, who was born in Germany in 1854. She died on July 28, 1906, leaving nine children, Annie, Martha, Henry, Mamie, August, Lydia, Louie, Edward and Seymour.

August Luedtke received his education in the district school of Lomira and from the time when he was fourteen years of age has been earning his own livelihood. He worked first upon his father's farm, gaining at an early date an excellent training in agricultural pursuits. From the time he was fourteen until he reached the age of nineteen he was employed by his uncle, Henry Grantman, in general stores in Eden and Lomira. At the age of twenty-one he purchased two hundred and eighteen acres of land in Ashford township, which constitute his present farm, and he has since that time given his entire attention

to this land's improvement and development and has brought it into an excellent condition.

On October 7, 1908, August Luedtke was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Zahn, a daughter of August and Augusta Zahn, of Eden. They have two children: Harvey, born October 16, 1910; and Royal, born January 5, 1912. The family belong to the Evangelical church of Lomira. Mr. Luedtke is one of the most progressive and up-to-date young farmers in Fond du Lac county and is at the present time erecting one of the finest residences in that section. In his business affairs he has retained the best elements of the more conservative principles of his father and grandfather, building upon a foundation of honor and integrity, an enterprise which is modern, progressive and up-to-date in every particular, the efficient operation of which entitles him to be ranked among the individual agricultural forces in local development.

MICHAEL L. McCULLOUGH.

Michael L. McCullough has long been identified with the commercial interests of Campbellsport, where he is conducting a general mercantile establishment, which was founded by his brother James thirty-eight years ago. The family, as the name would suggest is of Irish extraction, the father, Michael McCullough, having been born and reared on the Emerald isle, his natal year being 1815. He emigrated to the United States in his early manhood, settling in Dutchess county, New York. There he was subsequently married to Ann Carry, a native of Ireland, her birth having occurred in County Meath in 1824. Together with their two eldest sons, Thomas and James, they came to Wisconsin in 1849, and here they passed the remainder of their lives, the father's death occurring in 1895 and that of the mother in 1897. Agricultural pursuits always engaged the energies of Mr. McCullough, and upon his arrival in Fond du Lac county he purchased a tract of wild land in Auburn township. Here the family lived in very much the same style as other pioneers, their first residence being a crude log cabin, which was provided with nothing but the absolute necessities in the way of furniture. Mr. McCullough diligently applied himself to the development of his farm during the remainder of his active life, meeting with a fair degree of success. He continued to make his home there until 1894, when he came to Campbellsport and built a residence, and here he passed away the May following, having attained the venerable age of nearly eighty-one years. The mother was seventy-three at the time of her death, which occurred in Campbellsport. They were the parents of eight children, the two eldest of whom were born in New York. In order of birth the others are as follows: Anna, Mary J., Katherine, Michael L., Isabelle, and Ella. They are natives of Fond du Lac county.

The natal day of Michael L. McCullough was September 15, 1856. He was born and reared amid conditions that developed the representative type of the American citizen: those rugged characters whose fearlessness, determination and unflinching purpose enabled them to surmount all obstacles and achieve their ambition, the subduing of the west. His early years were not distinguished from those of the average youth of the period. As a lad he attended the village school, completing his education with a commercial course pursued in a business college at Fond du Lac. He subsequently taught for a year, and then returning home engaged in farming for a similar period. Commercial activities, however, had a greater attraction for him than those offered in any other line of work, and he later turned his attention to mercantile pursuits with the determination of making this his life vocation. In 1882, he came to Campbellsport and entered the employ of his brother, who was here engaged in the general

mercantile and grain business. He was manager of his brother's store until 1894 and was then taken into partnership. The brothers were associated in the conduct of this enterprise until the death of James McCullough on the 7th of February, 1910, since which time the store and grain business has been under the sole management of our subject.

Michael L. McCullough is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. He votes the democratic ticket and has figured prominently in local politics during the period of his residence here, having served for two terms as president of the village and he has also been school clerk of District No. 3, of Town Auburn. He is an energetic man, capable and resourceful and in the discharge of his official duties manifests the same qualities that have distinguished him in his business career, and enabled him to achieve the success he is enjoying.

WILLIAM HALL.

William Hall has been identified with progressive farming in Fond du Lac county since he began active life and in his scientific cultivation of two hundred and five acres of land which have been in his family for three generations, is following well tested and well established methods. He was born upon his father's farm on November 7, 1856, and is a son of Michael and Agnes (Jaeger) Hall. The family was founded in America by the grandfather of our subject, William Hall, who left his native country, Germany, and came to America, settling in pioneer times in Fond du Lac county. Here he joined his sons, Matthias and William, who had settled two years previously on a tract of wild timber land in Ashford township upon which they had built log shanties. He aided them in their agricultural pursuits and also followed his trade of carpentering. He died in 1869, at the age of eighty-five years. He had four sons: Michael, the father of our subject; Matthias; William; and Henry.

Michael Hall was born in Germany in 1829 and came to the United States with his parents in 1848 when he was nineteen years of age. He aided his father in the work of clearing and developing land and always worked upon the home farm. He married Miss Agnes Jaeger, a daughter of Barthol Jaeger and to their union were born eleven children: William, the subject of this sketch; Annie; Michael; Peter; Helena; Barthol; Henry; Frank; Agnes; Christopher; and Leonard.

William Hall received his education in the district schools of his native township and worked upon his father's farm until his marriage which occurred in 1881. Following this event he rented land in Ashford township and after one year purchased a farm in the same section upon which he carried on general agriculture along modern and progressive lines. Ten years afterward he rented from his father the home farm and five years later purchased it. This farm comprises two hundred and five acres, is well improved and highly cultivated, and is among the flourishing enterprises of its kind in the county. With the sentiment which usually attaches to the place of one's childhood, Mr. Hall took a keen interest in remodeling the buildings and in adopting progressive methods which have made the home farm equal to any of the newer properties in the section. His father in 1875 built a fine stone house and to this the son has added porches and various other improvements. He does general farming and dairying, keeping a fine herd of cows for the latter purpose and has been successful in both branches of his enterprise, because his methods have always been practical and his work thorough.

In 1881 William Hall was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hess, a daughter of John and Mary Hess, and a native of Ashford township. Mr. and Mrs.

Hall became the parents of four children: Michael, who was born on November 6, 1881; Agnes, whose birth occurred in September, 1883; Barthol, who was born in March, 1885, and who was accidentally killed by a windmill in 1901; and Elizabeth, whose birth occurred in May, 1892. The family are members of St. Martin's Catholic church of Ashford.

In politics Mr. Hall gives a general allegiance to the democratic party usually voting this ticket on national questions but reserving his independence of judgment in local affairs. He is deeply interested in general progress and eager to promote it although he has never sought public office. With enterprise, energy and determination inherited from three generations of sturdy farmers he has worked hard and lived honestly so that he stands today as one of the straightforward and representative agriculturists of the county in which he was born.

GILBERT B. WEINSTOCK.

Gilbert B. Weinstock has attained success in the general merchandise business in Brandon, Wisconsin, by following a consistent policy of commercial integrity and high standards of honor. He was born in Rubicon, Dodge county, Wisconsin, on January 7, 1867, and is a son of Samuel and Fannie Weinstock. His father was a native of Germany and was born in Bavaria on May 30, 1823. He came to the United States in 1844 and located first in New York, where he remained until 1852. His residence in Wisconsin was established in that year, when he moved to Milwaukee where he was successful in business until 1861. He moved to Rubicon, Wisconsin, and established an independent butchering enterprise, also engaging in the shipping of cattle. In 1867 he moved to Brandon and followed the general merchandise business until the spring of 1889. In that year he retired from active life and moved to Milwaukee, where he is still residing.

Gilbert B. Weinstock was educated in the public schools of Brandon, graduating in June, 1882. He supplemented his education by a course in business college and when he was seventeen years of age established himself in the general merchandise business at Fairwater, Wisconsin. At this early age he became acquainted with the various details of a modern commercial institution, and during the two years' connection with his first enterprise gained a gratifying measure of success. He returned to Brandon eventually in order to take charge of a store of similar character operated by his father in this city and so valuable and important was the assistance which he gave that in January, 1888, he was offered a half interest in the business. In November of the same year the commercial section of the city of Brandon was destroyed by fire and the enterprise with which Mr. Weinstock was connected was a total loss. Samuel Weinstock retired from business at this time and Gilbert Weinstock commenced a large mercantile enterprise on his own account, hiring the Odd Fellows hall for this purpose until the business section of the city was rebuilt. He has been very successful in the enterprise which he founded and operated. In 1905 he incorporated his business, taking into partnership all the clerks who had been in his employ for fifteen years. His store is one of the most attractive and prosperous mercantile enterprises of the city. The stock is kept well ordered and is artistically arranged, and he keeps on hand a complete line of goods. Most of the success which Mr. Weinstock has made during his career is directly traceable to his own integrity in all of his business relations. His efforts in the promoting of his enterprise have also aided in the upbuilding and development of the town in which he operates. He is public-spirited and takes an active part in every movement looking toward the welfare of the community.

Mr. Weinstock was married in Milwaukee, on February 3, 1892, to Miss Tessie Worms, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Worms, of that city. Mrs. Weinstock is an accomplished musician and before her marriage had attained an enviable reputation in this art. She and her husband are the parents of four children, Elsie, Fannie, Aimee and Gilbert B., Jr. In his political views Mr. Weinstock affiliates with the republican party of which he has been a member for many years. He has never sought public office but has held several village positions. He was school clerk of his district and he ably and efficiently worked in this capacity until his ill health compelled him to resign. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to the lodge at Brandon, the chapter at Waupun and the commandery at Fond du Lac. He belongs to the consistory and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Milwaukee. He is prominent in the affairs of the Order of Odd Fellows and active in the Royal Arcanum. He is interested in charitable work and active in his support of all movements in this line. In the operation of his business enterprise he is a dominating power and is well versed in the various details of commercial activity. He understands economic conditions in their local manifestation and operates his store in accordance therewith. He has won success that comes from earnest work and in his career exemplifies to a great degree the commercial value of orderly and honest principles, and has gained his prosperity by adhering to them.

WILLIAM SCHULTZ.

The qualities of diligence and thrift inherited from a long line of Teutonic ancestors have been the salient factors in the success of William Schultz, who owns and operates a well improved farm of two hundred acres located in Osceola township. His life record began in Germany on the 29th of June, 1853, his parents being John and Caroline Schultz, who passed their entire lives in the fatherland.

The first thirty years in the life of William Schultz were passed in his native country, his early advantages being as those of other youths who are reared in homes of the middle class. Having heard many remarkable stories of the success which had attended the efforts of his fellow countrymen who had emigrated to this country, he determined to set out toward the land of promise. Severing his connections in the old country, he took, in 1884, passage for the new world, accompanied by his young wife and three children. They landed in New York, coming direct from there to Fond du Lac county, which has since been their home. For two seasons after his arrival in this country Mr. Schultz worked out as a farm hand, thus acquiring sufficient means to begin farming for himself as a renter. He cultivated leased land for twelve years, his efforts being so well remunerated that at the expiration of that period he was able to buy a hundred and twenty acres in Osceola township. He and his family resided on this place for ten years, during which time he applied himself to its further development. His undertakings prospered and he subsequently purchased a forty acre tract across the road, where he is now residing. On a later occasion he again increased his property by acquiring an additional forty acres, which makes his holdings aggregate two hundred acres. Mr. Schultz has wrought many improvements on his property during the period of his ownership, and holds title to one of Osceola township's valuable farms. He is very practical and exercises both intelligence and good judgment in the organization and direction of his activities. His efforts have been ably sustained by Mrs. Schultz' capable management of the household affairs, such success as has come to this worthy couple being the result of much self-denial and hard work. Their days of struggle are now over, however, and they are well established in a comfortable home and annually

realize from their farm an income more than sufficient for the needs of themselves and family.

Mrs. Schultz' maiden name was Otelia Marquardt. She was born and reared in Germany and there they were married in 1881. Their family numbers ten, the three eldest of whom were born in Germany. In order of birth they are, Amelia, August, Augusta, Herman, Lena, William, Arthur, Oscar, Albert and Evaline.

The family is of the Lutheran faith and holds membership in the German church of that denomination. Mr. Schultz is highly esteemed among his fellow townsmen, as he has proven himself to be a worthy citizen and a thoroughly reliable and honorable business man, his success being recognized as the well merited reward of unceasing effort.

CHARLES BAUMHARDT.

Eighty acres of farm land in Eden township in a highly improved and flourishing condition give evidence of the successful agricultural activities of Charles Baumhardt, one of the representative and enterprising farmers of Fond du Lac county. Mr. Baumhardt is a native son of Wisconsin and it was in Eden township of that state that his birth occurred on August 9, 1859. His father was one of the sterling citizens of German birth, whose lives and activities have done so much to make Fond du Lac county the flourishing and prosperous section which it is today. He was born in Rhenish, Prussia, May 12, 1828, and received an efficient education in the public schools of his native country. He served his period of enlistment in the Prussian army from 1848 to 1851 and spent three years thereafter in the fatherland. His brother had been in America for some years previous and wrote him convincing letters regarding the greatness of America and the many opportunities which it afforded to the industrious and active immigrant. Influenced by this Jacob Baumhardt crossed the Atlantic in September, 1854, and spent the first years of his American residence in the state of Ohio. He was confronted by many obstacles in his attempt to gain a livelihood in a new country but conquered all difficulties and at the end of his career was one of the valued and representative citizens of Eden township. His residence in Wisconsin began in 1855 in which year he made his way to Milwaukee and thence to Fond du Lac county by stage. He was employed in the stone quarries of the district for several years and it was in 1859 that he purchased forty acres of land on section 23, Eden township, and began the work of clearing and cultivating his property. He resided in the log cabin which was his first home for six years. When he had transformed his holdings into productive and fertile fields he disposed of his farm and purchased land on section 28, Eden township where he remained until 1893. In September, 1858, Jacob Baumhardt was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Brim, a native of Switzerland, and to them were born seven children: Charles, the subject of this review; Samuel; Frederick; Matilda; Carolina; Amelia; and one child who died in infancy. In 1893 Jacob Baumhardt removed to his second farm, erected a modern dwelling and resided there in comfort until his death which occurred in May, 1905. His wife survived him for two years and passed away on the 15th of July, 1907. Jacob Baumhardt was one of the representative and leading citizens of Fond du Lac county, and was for several years identified with its educational development as treasurer of the school district. He left behind him traditions of honor and uprightness and integrity in his relations to his fellow-men which are the distinguishing features in the life of his son.

Charles Baumhardt was reared upon his father's farm in Eden and went to school at irregular intervals in the district schools. He was active from his

early boyhood in the work of his father's farm and gained a thorough and efficient knowledge of agriculture by personal experience. He remained upon the homestead until he was thirty-six years of age and then bought his present farm of eighty acres where he has since resided. During the period of his occupancy his farm has greatly increased in value and its harvests grow more abundant with the passing years. He has increased the productiveness of his acres by judicious management and by a thorough knowledge of the economic value of the different kinds of grain and vegetables, using discrimination and employing scientific methods to that end.

In 1895 Charles Baumhardt was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Truan, a daughter of Edward and Henrietta Truan, natives of Germany, who came to the United States and settled in Eden township in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Baumhardt are the parents of six children, Edward, Walter, Bernice, Viola, Francis and Laurretta, all of whom are living with their parents on the home farm. The family are regular attendants of the Methodist church and active in its affairs. Mr. Baumhardt has gained a reputation throughout Fond du Lac county as a man of broad-minded intelligence and exemplary character. He has improved his farm and increased its efficiency by the erection of convenient and thoroughly sanitary barns and outbuildings and has made a success of general agriculture. In developing his farm along progressive lines he has added materially to the wealth of Fond du Lac county.

GEORGE W. SARGENT.

George W. Sargent is engaged in the general hardware and tin business in Ripon and is well known as a strictly upright man, carrying on his rapidly growing business along the most honorable commercial standards and the most progressive lines of business expansion. He was born in Fond du Lac county, on March 12, 1867, and is a son of George W. and Hattie (Root) Sargent, both natives of New York state. Mr. Sargent's father came west in 1845 and his mother made the journey about the same time. They were married in Fond du Lac county and became well known in that section. The father engaged in general farming near the town of Alto and was active in this line until 1881. He had two children: Emma, now Mrs. Sage of Boyd, Wisconsin; and George W., the subject of this sketch. George W. Sargent was educated in the public schools of Brandon and attended the high school in that city. He laid aside his books at the age of seventeen to enter the employ of a tinner from whom he learned the trade and followed it for a short time. He then supplemented his high-school education by a course in a business college in Milwaukee and upon his graduation from that institution established himself in business in Brandon where he remained for fifteen years. He built up a flourishing and prosperous enterprise during that period and laid the foundations of his present success. In 1907 he removed to Ripon where he bought the general hardware and tinsmithing store belonging to Mr. F. Merback, which he has been conducting with such gratifying success since that time, that it is rapidly becoming a flourishing enterprise.

On May 19, 1892, Mr. Sargent was united in marriage to Miss Leila Webster, a daughter of H. and Elmira Webster, of Lamartine. Mrs. Sargent has two sisters and one brother. To Mr. and Mrs. Sargent have been born two children: Howard, whose birth occurred May 27, 1896, and Ralph, born August 25, 1900. Howard was educated in the public schools of Ripon and is now in the third year of his high-school course.

Mr. Sargent gives his political allegiance to the republican party with which organization his father also affiliated. He is a Methodist and well known in church circles. His fraternal affiliations include his connection with the Ripon

organization of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in which he is past grand. He also belongs to the Ripon Lodge, F. & A. M., of the Masons. In all his commercial relations Mr. Sargent has displayed keen and judicious discernment and an ability to cope with the intricacies of a modern and rapidly expanding enterprise while his private life is marked by genial, manly and wholesome activities.

CARL HEBER.

Carl Heber is one of the substantial and representative agriculturists of Empire township and has followed this line of occupation since he was twenty-one years of age. He was born and reared upon his father's farm and early became acquainted with many details connected with the cultivation of the soil. His birth occurred on the 22d of February, 1862, in Empire township, and is a son of Charles and Fronica (Huck) Heber, the former a native of Germany. Charles Heber left his native country when he was thirty years of age, and coming to America settled in Philadelphia where he maintained his residence for three or four years before he came west. He subsequently settled in Chicago where he was successful in the butcher business for a short period. When he left Illinois he went to Oakfield, Wisconsin, and immediately engaged in agriculture. During his residence in that city he married Miss Fronica Huck and eventually removed to Empire township where he purchased forty acres of land and improved and cultivated it until his death in 1906 when he was eighty years of age. His wife had died the year previous and was sixty-four years old at the time of her demise.

Carl Heber was one of nine children born to his parents and his childhood was spent upon the home farm. What education he received was obtained in the district schools of Empire township and his studies were often interrupted by the necessity of assisting his father in the development of his land. He early became acquainted with the various details of modern and progressive agriculture and has carried on farming for many years along the principles mapped out by his father.

In 1908 Mr. Heber was united in marriage to Miss Lena Bothe, a daughter of Ferdinand Bothe. The year after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Heber adopted a son, Monroe, who is living with his parents on the home farm.

Mr. Heber is a member of the Roman Catholic church and is a devout adherent of its doctrines. He belongs to that class of men who by integrity and ability make successful careers for themselves which influence progress and development.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. SEEVE.

Captain William J. Seeve has filled the position of sheriff of Fond du Lac county and is now serving as deputy sheriff. In this as in other connections, he has made a creditable record. He is one of the veterans of the Spanish-American war and in every relation of life he commands and merits the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. He was born in Fond du Lac, March 14, 1875, and comes of a family of German origin.

His paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Seeve, were both natives of Germany and always lived in that country. Their son William came from Germany to America about 1855 or 1856, settling in Fond du Lac, where he worked at the stone mason's trade, which he had previously followed in his native land. He wedded Minnie Kohlrausch, also a native of Germany, and

a daughter of Frank and Doris Kohlrausch. Her father, who was a gunsmith by trade, died in Germany, after which her mother came to America and spent her last days in Fond du Lac at the home of her daughter, then Mrs. Seeve, passing away at the very advanced age of ninety-two years. In her family were three daughters and a son. To Mr. and Mrs. William Seeve, Sr., were born three children: Mary, who is the wife of Edwin Luhn, of Fond du Lac; Betty, who died at the age of twenty years; and William J. The father passed away in 1891, when sixty years of age, and his widow survives him being seventy-six years of age. Both were Lutheran in religious faith. William Seeve served as a soldier in the German army before he came to the new world and after his arrival on this side of the Atlantic was ever a loyal citizen of his adopted country.

Captain William J. Seeve has spent his entire life in his native city and in his youthful days was a pupil of the public and parochial schools here. He afterward worked at blacksmithing for seventeen years and in 1908 was elected to the office of sheriff, in which capacity he served one term, after which he became deputy to his successor, Charles H. Graham, who had previously served as Captain Seeve's deputy. Captain William J. Seeve enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company E, Second Wisconsin Infantry, with which he served all through the period of hostilities with Spain in the expedition to Porto Rico. He was appointed captain of the company about the close of the war and is on the retired list of the militia with that rank.

Captain Seeve resides with his mother at No. 526 West Eleventh street. In politics he has always been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He served as a member of the county board of supervisors in 1903-4 and in that position as in the office of sheriff he made a creditable record characterized by unfaltering devotion to duty and the prompt discharge of every task that devolved upon him.

OTTO SCHMIDT.

Otto Schmidt is one of the most progressive, energetic and successful farmers in Ashford township, where he is cultivating sixty acres of land and gaining recognition as a systematic agriculturist. He was born in Milwaukee, July 21, 1874, and is the son of Louis and Henrietta Schmidt. The family was founded in the United States by the grandfather of our subject, who was a native of Germany and who came on his wedding trip to America, settling near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he resided until the time of his death. Here Louis Schmidt, the father of our subject, was born.

Otto Schmidt is one of seven children born to his parents and is the only one of his family who came to Fond du Lac county. He attended the parochial schools in his native city and later learned the trade of brass molding. This, however, he was obliged to give up on account of ill health and he worked for some time as a monthly laborer upon the farms near Milwaukee. In 1893 he purchased forty acres in Ashford township, which he cultivated and developed until 1904, when he removed to Ozaukee county, near Cedarburg, remaining in that vicinity for four years. In 1908 he purchased sixty acres of land in Ashford township and here he now resides, having gained success in the four years of his activity as a general agriculturist.

Mr. Schmidt has been twice married. In 1897 he wedded Miss Dorothy Foerster, of Washington county, and they had two children, Lydia and Herbert. The mother of these children passed away in 1903 and the following year, Mr. Schmidt was again married. His second union was with Miss Katherine Ganten, a native of Ashford township. To this union were born two children, Esther and

Mildred. The family belong to the German Reformed church. Mr. Schmidt is republican in his political beliefs but is not an office seeker although in Ozaukee county he served for several years as clerk of the school board. He devotes his time entirely to agricultural pursuits and his farm is modern in its equipment and accessories and intelligently cultivated and developed, entitling him to rank among the progressive and successful men of his district.

FREDERICK SPRATT.

Frederick Spratt has been actively identified with financial interests in Ripon for many years and is now serving as cashier of the First National Bank, an institution the enviable and well established reputation of which is due in no small measure to the untiring efforts and business ability of Mr. Spratt who brings to his duties as cashier a logical and discriminating mind and a thorough knowledge of banking laws. Moreover, he recognizes and fully meets the obligations and duties of citizenship and his labors have been a valued element in promoting public progress along various lines.

The parents of Frederick Spratt lived and died in England, where his birth occurred in 1852, his natal town being Salisbury. He was reared at home and after pursuing his studies in the public schools of London and Salisbury entered Oxford University. He spent some time as a successful teacher in England but gave up that profession to come to the United States in 1883. He immediately made his way to Ripon and two years afterward entered the employ of the First National Bank, with which institution he has been continuously connected since 1885. His promotion was rapid and he was soon appointed to the position of assistant cashier, and in 1902 he was made cashier, in which capacity he is now serving. The First National is one of the largest banks in Ripon, its deposits in the year 1912 amounting to nine hundred and seven thousand, five hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifteen cents. The bank is capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars and has a surplus of twenty thousand, while the undivided profits in 1912 were eighteen thousand, six hundred and fifty-three dollars and eighty-two cents. At the close of this year the bank had on hand United States bonds to the amount of one hundred and one thousand dollars and other bonds amounting to three hundred and sixty-one thousand, eight hundred dollars. The banking offices were entirely remodeled in the year 1908 and the capacity of the institution greatly enlarged. The bank building is the most commodious in Ripon, having a frontage of twenty-four feet and a depth of eighty-five feet, giving a floor space nearly seventy per cent greater than that of its former quarters. The building is a beautiful stone structure and is equipped with every modern convenience for the conduct of a banking business. The vaults and safes are constructed along most approved and modern lines and the public lobby is a beautiful example of interior banking decoration. The bank officials at the present time are: George L. Field, president; Gard. Miller, vice president; Frederick Spratt, cashier; and W. R. Dysart, assistant cashier. These gentlemen, as well as the directors of the bank, are careful, prudent and representative business men who stand for progressive methods in banking affairs, realizing that the bank is most worthy of public patronage which most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors. Twenty-seven years' connection with financial interests of Ripon has won for Mr. Spratt an enviable reputation for it is known that the success and advancement of the First National Bank are due in no small measure to his efforts which are directed by high intelligence and keen business ability.

Mr. Spratt has been married twice and by his first wife, who passed away in 1893, he had three children: Frederick F. P., who is the Chicago represen-



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tative of the Osborne Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, Ohio; Horace B., assistant paymaster of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad Company; and Frideswide, a teacher in Oak Park, Illinois. For his second wife he chose Miss Fannie Foster Hall, a daughter of John W. Hall, an old resident of Ripon and a former judge of the municipal court.

Mr. Spratt is a devoted member of the Episcopal church at Ripon and takes an active and helpful part in its affairs. He has ever been a broad reader, a deep thinker and is much interested in the cause of education, serving at the present time as a trustee of Ripon College and also taking an active part in the affairs of the library board. His opinion on educational matters carries great weight and his work as a member of the library board has been marked by an intelligent and understanding knowledge of the needs and wishes of the public in this line. Mr. Spratt has many friends in Ripon where his well known qualities of strict integrity, enterprise and public-spirited citizenship have brought him success and prominence.

CHARLES A. BLOOHM.

Charles A. Bloohm is one of the thrifty and enterprising citizens of Byron township, where he owns a farm of one hundred and nine acres and engages in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. Although the greater part of his life has been passed in this vicinity he is a native of Germany, his birth having there occurred on October 13, 1867. He is a son of William F. and Louisa (Milke) Bloohm, who were born, reared and married in Germany, the father's natal day having been the 2d of September, 1844. The parents with their children emigrated to the United States in 1871, first locating in the state of New York, where they resided for two years. Afterward they continued their journey westward to the city of Fond du Lac, the father being employed in one of the lumber mills there for several years. By reason of the thrift which he had inherited from a long line of German ancestors, his frugal habits and also the mother's capable management of the household affairs, during that period he managed to save enough from his meagre earnings to enable him to buy a farm in Oakfield township. The improvement and cultivation of this property engaged his attention until 1908, when he retired from active life. To Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bloohm were born nine children of whom our subject is the eldest. In order of birth the other members of the family are as follows: William, a farmer, who married Amelia Zinke; Herman, also farming, who married Anna Zinke and has one child; Lizzie, the wife of Herman Westphal, a farmer, by whom she has three children; Edward, a farmer, who married Anna Collen and has three children; Albert and Fred, who engage in farm labor; Emma, the wife of Fred Gesthardt, a farmer; and Oscar, who engages in farm work.

The first few years in the life of Charles A. Bloohm were passed in the land of his nativity. He pursued his education in the district schools of Byron township until he was fifteen years of age. Being the eldest of the children, his services were required on the farm and laying aside his text-books he assisted his father for four years. At the expiration of that period he left the parental roof and started out to make his own way in the world, working out by the month until he was married. He then began farming for himself as a renter in Illinois, where he continued his agricultural career for thirteen years. Returning to Fond du Lac county he located in Byron township, where, in 1903, he bought his present land holding. Since that time he has directed the development of his farm with the intelligence and foresight which invariably brings success and as a result he has one of the attractive and valuable properties of the com-

munity. In connection with diversified farming he engages in dairying and stock-raising and has sixteen head of cattle and four horses.

In Kendall county, Illinois, on the 20th of January, 1891, Mr. Bloohm was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Miller, a daughter of Fred and Mary Miller. Her parents were natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to America in early life. They first located in the state of New York, the father being at that time twenty years of age and the mother eighteen, and there they were subsequently married. In the early period of their domestic life they removed to Illinois, where for many years Mr. Miller was actively engaged in farming. He is deceased, his death occurring in 1909, at the age of seventy-nine years. The mother, who has passed the eighty-third anniversary of her birth is still living and is a resident of Millington, Illinois. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bloohm, as follows: Mary L., who was born in 1892; Charles M., whose birth occurred in 1894; Jessie E., whose natal year was 1895; and Minnie E., who was born in 1902.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church in the faith of which they are rearing their family. The political allegiance of Mr. Bloohm is accorded the republican party and on several occasions he has been called to public office, having served as township supervisor for two years, and as road supervisor for five years. Diligent and enterprising in whatever he undertakes he is leading a life of intelligently directed activity as is evidenced by the appearance of his farm and the condition of his stock. The success which he enjoys is the result of his own efforts and is highly merited, as he is energetic and has applied himself with painstaking industry to the achievement of his purpose.

WILLIAM H. KEYS.

Modern agriculture finds a worthy representative in William H. Keys whose energies are directed to the cultivation of his flourishing farm and to the operation of the threshing outfit which he runs in conjunction with it. He was born on his father's farm in Empire township on June 25, 1857. His parents were Christopher and Katherine (Mullen) Keys, both natives of Ireland. The father was born in that country on April 14, 1815, came to the United States in 1840 and remained in this country for a short time. He returned to Ireland and in 1852 made his second journey to America which has been his home since that time. He was married in 1856 and had one son, William, the subject of this sketch. He is living in Empire township and is an intelligent and active man in the ninety-seventh year of his age.

William H. Keys received his education in the neighboring district schools. He followed the usual course of study and in his leisure time was active in assisting his father in the work of developing and tilling the soil. He remained at home until 1896 when he removed to his present farm in Empire township and has been successful and prosperous as an agriculturist along scientific and modern lines since that time. In 1879 he bought, with Herman Schroeder as a partner, a threshing outfit, and for many years was active in this line and met with a gratifying degree of success. He eventually bought Mr. Schroeder's interest and has been running the threshing outfit on his own account for some time. His agriculture has always been carried on in a practical way and has been productive of good results. His harvests are abundant and the products of his fields and dairy are of fine quality. His success as an agriculturist is assured and rests upon the firm foundation of thorough methods and instinctive talent for soil cultivation. Mr. Keys was also one of the founders of the Fond du Lac Telephone Company, of which he was the first general manager.

In 1884 Mr. Keys was united in marriage to Miss Mary Mack, by whom he

had one child who died in infancy. In 1896 he wedded Miss Rose Smith, a daughter of John Smith of Empire township. To this union were born four children, the youngest of whom died two days after birth. Those living are Ruth, Frank and Emma, all of whom reside upon the home farm.

Mr. Keys affiliates with the democratic party, but beyond casting his vote at each election he is not active in political affairs. His wife was actively identified with the Presbyterian church until her death on February 16, 1910, and his children are members of this organization. Mr. Keys is one of the prominent and progressive farmers of Fond du Lac county. His influence is important in the agricultural community in which he lives and his activities are factors in making the state of Wisconsin wealthy in natural resources.

MARTIN HAESSLY.

One of the finest farms in Fond du Lac county is owned and managed by Martin Haessly, who operates the farm upon which he was born and follows the traditions and examples of his father, who is one of the most able, progressive and public-spirited citizens of his district and an example of the finest type of pioneer Wisconsin settler. Martin Haessly was born December 24, 1863, and is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Fitzpatrick) Haessly. The father is a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he was born March 2, 1824. His parents were Philip and Anna Mary Haessly, the former a farmer in Pennsylvania, who in 1839 moved to Columbiana county, Ohio, where he died in 1891, when he was ninety-five years of age. He had survived his wife by one year, her death occurring when she was ninety-one. In 1847 Jacob Haessly, the father of our subject, came from his native state to Wisconsin, where he purchased wild land. He did not, however, take up his residence in Fond du Lac county until 1851, when he and his brother Jonathan settled upon the tract which he had purchased and began its cultivation. Since that time he has been a leading figure in every movement looking toward the progress and development of the section in which he settled. In 1894 he retired from active life and definitely abandoned agriculture, turning over his farm to his son Martin, who now operates it. What education he received was acquired in two months' attendance in the public schools of Pennsylvania, but in spite of limited early advantages he is today one of the best educated and most highly cultured citizens in Ashford township. He remained at home, working out his mathematics by himself. He learned surveying and broadened his knowledge in every direction by constant and wise reading. For many years he has been a prominent figure in local politics, beginning his public career in 1853, when he was elected town clerk and served for one term. He was afterward elected chairman of the township, acting in this capacity for two terms. In 1870 he was again elected to this position and subsequently served four years as county surveyor. He was out of office the following two years and was then reelected, serving continuously with ability and efficiency for eighteen years. For thirty-five years he was justice of the peace in Ashford, bringing to his duties conscientiousness and high ideals. In 1846 Jacob Haessly was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Fitzpatrick, who was born in Ohio, June 9, 1826. To this union were born the following children: William Frederick, Anna Mary and George, all of whom were born in Ohio; Sarah Jane; Jacob; Katherine; Matilda; Jonathan; Martin; Theresa; Nathan and Cecilia, twins; and Abraham, who died in infancy. Jacob Haessly is one of the most widely known and generally beloved men of his section and is still active and energetic at the age of eighty-eight. He planned and brought about his own success unaided by early education and training and hampered by the lack of even the most common advantages. He is self-taught and is one of the best mathematicians in the state. He is often called upon

by his neighbors to aid them in the transaction of their business and is well and favorably known throughout the county as a public-spirited, thoroughly honest and able man whose life has been a factor in local agricultural expansion and whose undoubted talents have aided materially in general progress and upbuilding.

Martin Haessly attended the public and parochial schools of Campbellsport and has always worked upon his father's farm. In early life he became familiar with modern agriculture and the best and most efficient methods of cultivating the soil. He remained at home and aided his father in the work of the farm and in 1893 rented the land which he now operates. In 1904 he purchased the west eighty acres of the homestead and since that time has made many improvements thereon. In 1905 he built a new barn and three years afterward erected his present modern home which is one of the most attractive and comfortable residences in Ashford township and is equipped with modern conveniences and accessories. Mr. Haessly operates the entire tract which originally belonged to his father although he holds the title to only eighty acres.

On January 27, 1891, Martin Haessly was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Andrew, a native of Chicago, Illinois, and a daughter of Frederick and Philipina Andrew. Her parents were born in Mainz, Germany, and came to Ashford township in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Haessly have three children: Alfred, born December 20, 1891; Charlotte, whose birth occurred on the 10th of May, 1894; and Victor, born November 9, 1898. The family belong to the Roman Catholic church of Campbellsport. Mr. Haessly gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has never desired public office. In his farming he is able, modern and systematic and, following the standards and methods of his father, has made his business career successful and his life upright.

DANIEL E. MAHONEY.

Daniel E. Mahoney has always lived on a farm and is now active in the cultivation of one hundred and sixty-one acres of land near Eden in Fond du Lac county. He is a son of James Mahoney, one of the pioneer farmers of Fond du Lac county. He was educated in the district schools and at the age of fifteen went to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he attended the State Normal School for two years. He later engaged in teaching at Eden and Ashford for four winters and then returned to his father's farm, where he remained until 1900. In that year he purchased the family homestead with its ninety-one acres and his father removed to the village of Eden, where he built a modern and convenient home for himself, in which he now lives, at the age of ninety years.

Daniel E. Mahoney has managed his farm property independently for twelve years and during that period has improved and developed it to a remarkable extent. He recently added seventy acres to his holdings and there, in 1909, built one of the finest barns in Fond du Lac county. He has acquired, at various periods, some of the best and most up-to-date farm equipment on the market. He carries on his agricultural activities on scientific principles. He has specialized in recent years in the breeding of thoroughbred horses and his stock finds a ready sale in the Wisconsin markets. He is known as an expert judge of horse flesh and his services as such are often sought. He has developed the horse-breeding feature of his business and gives his personal supervision to the care of his stock.

Daniel E. Mahoney votes the democratic ticket on national issues but keeps himself independent of party lines in local affairs. He votes for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position without regard to political affiliations. He was elected town clerk of Eden at the age of twenty-four and served with marked ability and success for two years. He is interested in the educational development of Fond du Lac county and has been clerk of the school district

in which he lives for seven years. His work in this capacity has been marked by an intelligent understanding of the conditions surrounding him and by an eager desire to enlarge and develop school facilities. He has kept himself in the front ranks of modern agriculturists and in an age when farming is developing and advancing along systematic and scientific lines. Mr. Mahoney is known throughout his township and county as a worthy representative of this branch of activity.

JOHN G. SEELIG.

Manufacturing interests in Ripon are well represented by the great concern of the Barlow & Seelig Manufacturing Company, makers of all kinds of patented washing machines. The industry is one of the largest of its kind in Fond du Lac county and its output is increasing every year. At the head of the company influencing its policy and a dominating factor in its prosperity is John G. Seelig, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the company, which offices he has held since its incorporation in 1908. Mr. Seelig is a native of Germany, in which country he was born in 1865. He is a son of John G. and Louise (Drager) Seelig, who came to the United States in 1868 and located at Winneconne, Wisconsin, where they remained but a short time. They later removed to Waupaca county, Wisconsin, where the father engaged in farming until his death.

John G. Seelig was the fourth of a family of seven children. He was reared at home and received his early education in the common schools of Waupaca county. He attended the Waupaca high school and in 1884 laid aside his books to enter the marble business. He remained in this connection in Ripon for eight years and then resigned his position to go into partnership with J. B. Barlow in the hardware business on a small scale. The enterprise was first conducted as a copartnership and was operated along the lines of a general hardware business. In 1908 they entered the washing machine manufacturing business, which has since grown to be one of the largest industrial concerns in Fond du Lac county and makes a specialty of the manufacture of many different kinds of washing machines. Their products are all made with the most improved manufacturing equipment. The machines are of many different varieties and are known in the markets of Wisconsin and the United States under the name of the Big 3 Vacuum Washers. They are operated by hand, by gasoline engines and by electricity according to their make and variety, and have gained a reputation throughout the state of Wisconsin for the high quality of their construction and the efficiency of their work. The officers of the present Barlow & Seelig Manufacturing Company are: J. B. Barlow, president; Ione Barlow, vice president; and J. G. Seelig, secretary, treasurer and manager. The plant which the company is now erecting is being built along the most modern lines of scientific factory construction. Its first story will occupy a floor space of sixty-four by three hundred feet and the second floor will be eighty feet long by eighty feet wide.

JOSEPH J. POLZEAN.

Joseph J. Polzean, who engages in general farming and stock-raising in Osceola township, was born on the place where he now resides on the 10th of March, 1871. He is a son of Jacob and Frances Polzean, natives of Germany, the father's birth there occurring in 1825. They were married in the old country and soon thereafter, in 1856, emigrated to the United States, making their home in New York for two years. At the end of that time they came to Wis-

consin, settling in Elm Grove, whence they removed five years later to Osceola township. Here the father purchased eighty acres of wild land, and after erecting thereon a small log cabin, which served for some years as the family residence, began his career as a pioneer. Later he built a larger log house nearer the road, in which the family lived until 1893 when he purchased and removed to the farm on the opposite side of the road. There he passed away in 1898, at the age of seventy-three years. He was survived until 1900 by the mother, who was sixty-seven at the time of her death. They were the parents of eleven children, Michael, Rosa, Elizabeth, Paulina, Jacob, Joseph, Frank, William, Mary, Tillie and John.

There was no unusual circumstance or event in the early life of Joseph J. Polzean to distinguish it from that of the average youth reared in the rural sections of Wisconsin at that period. He attended the district school in the acquirement of an education and when not engaged with his studies assisted his father. After laying aside his text-books he gave his undivided attention to the cultivation of the home farm, assuming more and more of the responsibility connected with its operation. In 1895, he took over the management of the place, which he subsequently inherited as his portion of the estate upon the death of his father. He has here continued his agricultural pursuits and is meeting with success. Since coming into the ownership of the property he has made many improvements, including the erection of a modern residence in 1908, and the introduction of various conveniences consistent with the spirit of progress he manifests in his work. He is diligent and enterprising and is numbered among the efficient agriculturists and capable business men of the community.

Mr. Polzean married Miss Josephine Hebert, a native of this township and a daughter of Anthony and Julia Hebert. Her parents were born, reared and married in France, whence they emigrated to America, becoming pioneers of Osceola township. Mr. and Mrs. Polzean have two children: Laurene, who was born on the 18th of October, 1904; and Eola, whose birth occurred on May 7, 1906. They are communicants of the Roman Catholic church of Campbellsport.

HORACE S. HAZEN.

Horace S. Hazen lives retired in the village of Brandon, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, after many years' identification with agricultural interests in Springvale township, where he owns one of the most highly improved farms in the district. During his active life he brought this tract of land to an ideal state of improvement and development. He was for many years an influential factor in the agricultural progress of this section. Mr. Hazen is a native of Wisconsin, born in Springvale township, Fond du Lac county, September 7, 1847. He is a son of John and Malissa (Moore) Hazen, natives of New York state. The father was born in Jefferson county, New York, February 19, 1819, and was of Scotch ancestry. The mother was born in the Empire state, on October 28, 1818, and traced her descent from an English family. They were married in New York and one year later in company with the father's brothers came to Oakfield, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where John Hazen took up forty acres of land and improved and developed it for two years. At the end of that time he disposed of his holdings and with his brothers came to Ridges Prairie in the spring of 1846. There they each took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land. They were among the earliest pioneers of that section. The father remained upon his holdings until his death, September 14, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. John Hazen were the parents of two children, the sister

of our subject being Delia, who was born in 1845, in Oakfield, Wisconsin, and who married Edwin Sherwin, a bridge builder of Brandon, Wisconsin.

Horace S. Hazen was educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac county and from early childhood has been familiar with the details of agriculture. He aided his father in the work of the farm and when he was twenty-one years old took personal charge of the operation of the homestead. He now owns this homestead which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of highly improved and developed land, located on section 34, Springvale township, and in addition owns thirty acres adjoining it. Mr. Hazen for many years carried on general farming upon this property, feeding a large herd of thoroughbred stock with the products which he raised. He was one of the substantial farmers of his district and his is one of the most valuable and developed tracts of land in Springvale township. In 1902, he rented his place and with his mother removed to the village of Brandon, Wisconsin, where he is now living retired. His mother made her home in that village until her death, August 25, 1904.

Mr. Hazen is a republican and has served for several terms as postmaster in Springvale township. He is numbered among the men whose intelligent and successful cultivation of the soil has promoted the efficiency of the farms in the middle west and has raised the agricultural standards throughout the county.

FRANK E. STEELE.

Frank E. Steele who is identified with the real-estate and insurance business in Ripon, is one of the town's native sons, his birth having occurred on the 19th of June, 1874. He is descended from one of the well known pioneer families of Fond du Lac county, and is a son of Sumner Athern and Mattie (Sterling) Steele. The paternal grandfather came to Wisconsin with his family in 1846, locating at Storm's Landing, now Berlin, which was then in the very heart of the timber district. Very little of the land had been cleared, and most of the roads were only blazed trails. Mr. Steele bought land which he cleared and cultivated, becoming at various times one of the prosperous agriculturists of Winnebago, Fond du Lac and Green Lake counties. Frank E. Steele was reared to manhood on the home farm, and when old enough to begin his independent career directed his energies along agricultural lines. He subsequently purchased a farm two miles from Ripon and in connection with the cultivation of his land engaged in the real-estate and insurance business. He was successful and in order to devote more time to the development of the latter business, later located at Ripon. The mother is a daughter of James Sterling, a tailor by trade, who came to Wisconsin during the pioneer days and located in Berlin. He enlisted and went to the front as an officer of a Wisconsin regiment during the Civil war and died in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Steele were the parents of five children: George M., who died in 1893; Frank E., our subject; Fred W., who is also deceased; Sterling K., who is a resident of Fond du Lac; and Mildred, who is residing at home. The father passed away on the 5th of July, 1902, and the mother subsequently married John Rosa, a pioneer of Winnebago county, and they reside on the old Steele homestead.

Frank E. Steele was reared at home and educated in the public schools. When old enough he engaged in the real-estate and insurance business with his father, with whom he was also associated in agricultural pursuits. Since the death of the latter he has conducted the business alone, and is meeting with good success. He handles all lines of insurance and deals extensively in general real estate, making a specialty of farm lands. In April, 1906, he withdrew

from agricultural pursuits and removing to Ripon, purchased a residence at the corner of Blossom and Houston streets.

On the 19th of August, 1905, Mr. Steele was married to Miss Anne Sippel, a daughter of James and Mary Sippel, farming people residing in the vicinity of Oshkosh, and to them have been born two children, Margaret and George F.

The family attend the Roman Catholic church, of which Mrs. Steele is a communicant, and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political views coincide with the principles of the republican party, but in local elections he often casts an independent ballot, giving his support to such men and measures as he deems best qualified to subserve the highest interests of the community.

MICHAEL H. RYAN.

Michael H. Ryan was born upon a farm in Eden township and has never left his native district nor his father's farm. He has been identified with agricultural interests of Fond du Lac county since attaining his majority and even in his youth was intimately acquainted with the methods and details connected with the cultivation of the soil. He was born October 17, 1861, on his father's farm in Eden township, and is a son of Martin and Helen (McCann) Ryan, both natives of Ireland. Martin Ryan was educated in his native country and crossed the Atlantic to America in his early manhood. He remained two or three years in New York state and his marriage occurred at Troy. In 1847 he came with his wife to Fond du Lac county, locating in Eden township. There he spent the most of the remaining years of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, but retired from farm life a few years before his demise and gave over the management of his farm to his son Michael. He spent some years previous to his death as a resident of Eden and Campbellsport and passed away on the 4th of November, 1885, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife is still living and makes her home upon the family farm with the subject of this review.

Michael Ryan was educated in the district schools of his native township. He spent his early life assisting in the work of the farm and his manhood has been entirely devoted to the cultivation and improvement of the paternal acres. He has made extensive improvements during the time of his occupancy, has built modern and well equipped barns and has planted his farm in accordance with the most improved agricultural formulas. His energy and enterprise in the conduct of his agricultural activities and his genial and kindly nature have gained for him many friends and have placed him in a prominent and representative position in the community life. He gives his allegiance to the republican party but has never held nor sought public office. He is a devout member of the Catholic church and his religion influences and beautifies his life.

FRED BABCOCK.

Fred Babcock, who for the past seven years has been engaged in the implement business in Ripon, is one of the town's native sons, his birth having occurred on the 7th of December, 1858. He is a son of Ezekiel and Elvira (Smith) Babcock, natives of the state of New York, whence they came to Ripon in 1852, where they were later married. The mother accompanied her father, David Smith, who purchased some land in this vicinity which he cultivated for many years. He subsequently removed to Oasia, this state, where he was residing at the time of his death. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Babcock, who was a

farmer and a veteran of the War of 1812, passed his entire life in the state of New York. Upon his arrival in this county in 1852, Ezekiel Babcock purchased one hundred acres of government land for which he paid two dollars and a half per acre. He engaged in the cultivation of his farm until he died on April 16, 1905. He had long survived the mother, whose death occurred on the 16th of March, 1886. Our subject is the youngest in a family of three, the two elder members of which, Blanche and Frank, are both deceased. The father was one of the well known pioneers of Fond du Lac county and always took an active interest in all political affairs, giving his support to the republican party. He served as chairman of the town board and was a member of the assembly in 1881 and 1882. His fraternal connections were confined to his membership in the Masonic order.

Fred Babcock obtained his education in the public schools and Ripon College, having been a student in the latter institution for two terms. Having been reared on a farm he was early trained to the duties of the agriculturist, and devoted his energies to this vocation until 1905, when he withdrew from the work of the fields and turned his attention to commercial activities. He is agent for the John Deere line of farming implements, in connection with which he also carries buggies, harness, fences, sewing machines and a large variety of mechanical devices and appliances of different kinds needed by the agriculturist. His familiarity with general farming and extensive acquaintance among the country populace have been of inestimable value to him in the upbuilding of the excellent patronage he now enjoys. Mr. Babcock is numbered among the substantial citizens and prosperous business men of the town. He owns a valuable and highly cultivated farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Ripon township in addition to realty interests elsewhere in the state.

On the 20th of March, 1886, Mr. Babcock was married to Miss Myra Corliss, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Corliss, and to them have been born two children: Blanche, who died at the age of two and a half years; and Avis, who is at home.

Fraternally Mr. Babcock is identified with the Masonic order, in which he has attained the rank of the commandery, and he and Mrs. Babcock hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. His political allegiance he gives to the republican party and has served both as assessor and chairman of the township. He is one of the town's estimable citizens, and is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, the members of which have for more than sixty years cooperated in forwarding the progress and development of the community.

FRANK HUCK.

By able and efficient management and by a systematic study of modern agricultural conditions Frank Huck has developed eighty acres of fertile Wisconsin land, of which he is the owner, into a productive and prosperous farm. He was born in the township of Empire, Fond du Lac county, May 18, 1866, and is the son of Charles and Catherine (Reikley) Huck, both natives of Germany. The father's birth occurred in that country in 1835 and his wife was born six years later, in 1841. He crossed the Atlantic to America in 1856 and settled in Empire township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he purchased a farm. A few years later he sold his original holdings and bought the land which he improved and operated until the time of his death, in March, 1912. He was one of the most prominent of the German residents of this section and was a leading and valued member of St. Mary's Catholic church. He was prominent in political affairs of the district for many years and served as supervisor with ability and efficiency. His widow still survives him and resides in Eden township. To them eight chil-

dren were born: John, who died in infancy; Amelia; Frank; George; Charles; Henry; John II; and Mary, the wife of Eugene Bannon, of Campbellsport, and the mother of one child, Iolene Catherine, whose birth occurred January 24, 1909.

The public schools afforded Frank Huck his early educational opportunities. During his leisure hours he assisted his father in the work of the farm and became thoroughly acquainted with the most efficient methods of cultivating the soil. When he reached the age of twenty-two years he worked out for two summers in the employ of others and was then able to rent a farm near Eden, where he lived until 1904. He is a progressive, energetic and thoroughly intelligent agriculturist and his efforts in the employ of others were so remunerative that in 1904 he was able to buy his present farm of eighty acres. He has greatly improved his holdings and under his direction and control a comparatively undeveloped tract of land has been transformed into one of the most productive and fertile farms in Fond du Lac county.

In 1896 Mr. Huck was united in marriage to Miss Louise Seybold, a daughter of Joseph Seybold, a prominent resident of Eden. To them have been born two children: Violet, born November 20, 1900; and Margaret, born January 22, 1903. Politically Mr. Huck gives his allegiance to the democratic party on national issues but prefers to keep himself independent in local affairs. He votes for the man and not the party and while he takes an intelligent interest in the welfare of his community, has never sought office for himself. He is a devout adherent of the Roman Catholic faith and is a regular attendant of St. Mary's church of Eden. The progressive and enterprising way in which he has carried on his farming, his intelligent interest in modern and advanced methods and his undoubted success in the cultivation of the soil have gained him a prominent place among his fellow citizens. He brings to his activities in his chosen walk of life a broad knowledge of the details of farming and advanced ideas regarding the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the grain and stock. His energetic and industrious career has been rewarded by a gratifying degree of success and he is today ranked among the best known and representative agriculturists in Fond du Lac county.

HENRY OTTERY.

Henry Ottery is one of the progressive and representative farmers of Empire township and members of his family have been active in the agricultural and business development of Fond du Lac county for three generations. The line was founded in America by George Ottery, the grandfather of our subject, whose birth occurred in England and who came to the United States in the early '50s. His first settlement was made in New York and in that state he remained for about one year. He subsequently came to Wisconsin where he settled in Forest township, Fond du Lac county, on a farm. He developed his holdings and built a log cabin upon his property and was successful in the cultivation of the soil until 1882. In that year he bought a farm on which his grandson Henry is now residing and made his home in Empire township until 1894. He lost his sight in that year and was consequently obliged to retire from active life. He moved to the city of Fond du Lac where he lived until his death in 1907 when he was ninety years of age. His long life in America had been actively identified with agricultural interests and was an influential factor in the development of Fond du Lac county. His death removed from this district an enterprising and representative citizen whose traditions of honorable activity in the cultivation of the soil were carried on by his son Edwin James Ottery, the father of our subject. He came into possession of his father's land upon the latter's retirement in 1894 and here he lived for ten years, operating the farm and improving

the soil until 1904. Although he was successful as an agriculturist Edwin James Ottery had always a leaning for commercial life and he subsequently removed to the city of Fond du Lac and engaged in the farm machine business in partnership with Mathew Hennen, under the firm name of Hennen & Ottery. This enterprise proved exceedingly successful and developed into a large industrial institution. At the end of three years Edwin Ottery bought out Mr. Hennen's interest and sold a share of the business to Mr. Emil Miritz and the enterprise is still operating under the name of Miritz & Ottery. Edwin Ottery has always been interested in education and has held several offices in this line during most of his active career. He has done efficient work in a public capacity and has made his life count in a developing and expanding way in the promotion of modern ideas of public education. He was at different times in his career director and treasurer of the school board and has held many township offices, such as chairman, treasurer and clerk. He married in 1880 Miss Georgia Wright, of Empire township and Henry Ottery, the subject of this sketch, is one of the three children born to their union.

Henry Ottery's birth occurred on June 28, 1885. He was reared upon the farm and received his education in the district schools of Empire township. This foundation was later supplemented by a course in the Fond du Lac high school and by one term in a business college. Henry Ottery had at this period in his career an ambition along commercial lines but after three years' activity in business in Fond du Lac his services were required upon the home farm and in 1907 he returned to Empire township, rented his father's holdings and has been active in their development and improvement since that time. He is a modern and progressive farmer bringing to his vocation a thorough knowledge of the scientific development of the methods of operation and an intelligent activity in the various departments of agriculture. He has been successful by reason of his common sense and practical knowledge and his prosperity has been a distinct addition to the resources of Empire township.

On November 25, 1907, Mr. Ottery was united in marriage to Miss Emma Glasow, a daughter of William and Lena (Holly) Glasow. Mrs. Ottery is of German descent and her birth occurred in the city of Fond du Lac. Mr. and Mrs. Ottery have two children: Edwin and George Henry, both of whom are at home. In his political views Mr. Ottery is a consistent republican and while he never seeks public office he has yet done efficient work as township supervisor which position he held from 1909 to 1911. He is a member of the German Lutheran church and well known in church circles. He has accomplished his public service as sincerely and as earnestly as he has performed the duties in connection with his vocation and his career has reflected credit upon his native section and brought prosperity to him.

ANTHONY REHORST.

Intelligent activity is a sure basis of success in any occupation and it is to his possession of this quality as a prominent factor in his character that Anthony Rehorst owes his present prosperity. He has operated a farm in Fond du Lac county near Eden for a number of years and is one of the best known agriculturists in this district. He was born in Walworth county, in the southern part of the state of Wisconsin, on the 4th of December, 1847, and is a son of Theodore and Anne (Ossendorf) Rehorst, both natives of Germany. His parents were married in their native country and came to America in 1841, bringing with them their oldest son John, who later lost his life in the Civil war. The father settled first in Walworth county and here his family resided until 1856. He bought a tract of land there and actively engaged in its cultivation during

the period of his residence thereon. He cleared and developed the land and afterward built a large farmhouse upon it in which he lived until the time of his death, September 13, 1895, while in his eighty-fifth year. His wife's death had long preceded his and occurred in 1888, when she was sixty-eight years old.

Anthony Rehorst was one of seven children. He received his early education in a little log schoolhouse in the neighborhood of his father's farm near Eden. He was reared at home and was familiar with the details of farm life at an early age. He worked upon his father's holdings during his youth and early manhood and it was not until he was thirty-six years of age that he purchased the interests of his brothers and sisters in the home farm and began its management for himself. He has been identified with agricultural interests in the vicinity of Eden all during his active life. He has made many improvements upon his property, has erected modern barns and outbuildings and has operated his holdings along the most approved agricultural principles.

On January 1, 1874, Mr. Rehorst was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Conley, a native of New York state and a daughter of Patrick and Katherine Conley, who came from Ireland in 1857 and settled for a short time in New York. They later removed to Wisconsin and located in Eden. To Mr. and Mrs. Rehorst have been born six children, four of whom are still living, Frank, George, John and Albert. Clara and Emma are deceased. Frank is an operator in the Eden telegraph station, George is a clerk in the Milwaukee post-office, and Albert is residing at home. John spent two years at the University of Valparaiso, Indiana, and was graduated with the degree of M. D. from Marquette University, Milwaukee, in 1911, after which he removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is now engaged in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Anthony Rehorst gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has served as town assessor of Eden for two years and has recently closed a long period of service as clerk of the school district. He belongs to St. James' Catholic church of Eden and is an active worker in its behalf. He is one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of Fond du Lac county and his life's labor has been valuable to its development.

HENRY PFEIFER.

Henry Pfeifer is cultivating eighty acres of productive soil in Empire township and has been so engaged since he was twenty-one years of age. He is practical in his methods and consequently successful, and he has gained a comfortable degree of prosperity and a growing prominence among his fellow citizens. He was born September 13, 1883, in Forest township and is a son of John and Margaret (Seibel) Pfeifer. His father was a native of Germany who came to the United States when he was seventeen years of age, settling at once in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. He brought to his career in the new world sturdy virtues of thrift and industry as a national inheritance. He had but little money upon his landing but has now attained a comfortable competency. In the early days of settlement in Wisconsin he worked upon the farms of Fond du Lac county in the summer, being employed by the month. The winters he spent in the copper mines of this section and spent his early manhood in hard and poorly paid labor. He was, however, industrious and economical and was eventually able to buy a tract of land in the township of Forest. It was in 1875 that he made his first purchase and he is now living upon the property bought at this time and is recognized throughout Fond du Lac county as a substantial and representative citizen. He married in Wisconsin, Miss Margaret Seibel, whose father came from Germany at an early day and settled in Empire where his daughter was born. Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeifer reside upon their farm in Forest township.

Henry Pfeifer is one of five children. His birth occurred on his father's homestead September 13, 1883, and his education was acquired in the district schools of Fond du Lac county. His early youth was spent in assisting his father in the labor of the farm and in gaining a practical working knowledge of the details of agriculture. When he was seventeen years of age he left home and went to Fond du Lac where he worked in the shops of the Wisconsin Central Railroad and was also active in mercantile lines for several years. When he had attained his majority he returned to Empire, buying eighty acres of land in that township and began his agricultural career. He was successful from the beginning and his present prosperity is based on continuous endeavor along developing lines. He added to his holdings in 1909 forty acres adjoining his original property and his farm then comprised one hundred and twenty acres, of which he has since sold forty acres.

In 1905 Mr. Pfeifer was united in marriage to Miss Grace Galligan, a daughter of Seymour and Ann Galligan of Osceola, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer have been born two children, Myron and Raymond, living at home.

Mr. Pfeifer gives his allegiance to the republican party and keeps himself well informed on questions of the day. He is serving as town treasurer of Empire township to which office he was elected in 1910 and during the two years of his identification with this position has made a record for himself for honesty and efficiency in the service of the people. He is one of the representative agriculturists of Fond du Lac county and his success, based upon integrity and scientific knowledge has been distinct and substantial since the beginning of his career.

GEORGE H. WILLIE.

George H. Willie is a prominent contractor in the city of Fond du Lac and is well known throughout the county as an able, conscientious and artistic worker. He is a native of Wisconsin, born in Fond du Lac, February 10, 1867. His parents were John Henry and Elizabeth Catharine (Von Heine) Willie. His father was born in Hessen, Germany, January 17, 1835. He came to America, arriving at New York, May 7, 1855. After a short period of residence in that city he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he married Miss Elizabeth von Heine on October 29, 1863, the Rev. Keuchen of the German Lutheran church performing the ceremony. She was born in Hanover, Germany, March 3, 1843. She came to America in the fall of 1857 and landed in New Orleans where she remained for one year. In 1858 she came to Chicago and there later met Mr. Willie. John Henry Willie spent ten years in Chicago and at the end of that period came with his wife to Fond du Lac, arriving on the day President Lincoln was assassinated. They were the parents of six children: Emma Marie, born November 25, 1864, who married Thomas Warren, November 19, 1890; George Henry, the subject of this sketch; Edward John, whose birth occurred December 14, 1870; John August, born January 13, 1874, who married Miss Anna Roselia Jahn, July 22, 1901; Frank Christopher, born August 5, 1877; and Charles Frederick, born November 12, 1881, who married Roselia Augusta Jahn, December 27, 1911.

George H. Willie was educated in district school No. 2, Fond du Lac township and pursued his studies until he was eighteen years of age. He laid aside his books to work upon a farm and remained there until he was twenty-two years of age. In 1889 he gave up agricultural work to learn the painting and paper hanging business and in this work he continued for eleven years. He later learned the carpenter's trade which he followed for a short time and then took up his present occupation of contracting and building. He is one of the most prominent men in his field of labor in Fond du Lac county. He brings to his occupation an original ability which is a valuable asset to him in his business.

He is his own draftsman and he plans and designs all the work which he does. His conspicuous ability along this line has gained him many patrons and he has built some of the finest residences and office structures in Fond du Lac county. In the course of his career he has accumulated a comfortable fortune which he has invested judiciously in local enterprises. He owns three residences and several building lots in the city of Fond du Lac and also holds title to eighty acres of timber land in Oneida county, Wisconsin. His rise has been rapid and his success has been remarkable since he entered the contracting business. He is today one of the substantial and prosperous men of the city of Fond du Lac and is well known as one whose cooperation can be counted on in any movement to promote the welfare of his section.

On February 26, 1900, George H. Willie was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Hounsell, a daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (Goding) Hounsell, residents of Fond du Lac. Mr. and Mrs. Hounsell recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their history extends back to pioneer times in Wisconsin. Mr. Hounsell was born in England, August 9, 1837, and came to America when he was ten years of age. In the fall of 1847 his parents landed in Southport, now Kenosha, Wisconsin, and in the following year Mr. Hounsell went to work on a farm near Salem. His early history is full of interesting experiences inseparably connected with the growth and development of a new region. He early became familiar with the hardships incident to a life in a log cabin and with Indian depredations. In 1856 he bought eighty acres of land in Crawford county and this he improved and operated for some time. Mr. Hounsell is a staunch republican and has been connected with that party since he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He and his wife are numbered among the most prominent residents of Fond du Lac where they have many friends and are well known in social circles.

Politically George H. Willie gives his allegiance to the republican party but his attention is absorbed by the pressing details of his work as a contractor and he pays very little attention to public affairs and never seeks office. He is a member of the Congregational church and is active in the affairs of that organization. He has attained a remarkable degree of success along business lines and is one of the many prosperous men who have contributed much to the commercial prosperity of Fond du Lac county.

JACOB SCHEID.

Jacob Scheid is engaged in the cultivation of one hundred and thirty acres of fine land in Ashford township and is achieving distinct success in farming. His methods are practical, systematic and productive of good results and he has gained a comfortable degree of success in agricultural pursuits and a growing prominence among his fellow citizens. Mr. Scheid is a native son of Fond du Lac county, having been born in Ashford township on September 27, 1855. He is the son of Jacob and Katherine (Schaub) Scheid, natives of Germany. The father came to the United States when he was fifteen years of age, making the journey across the Atlantic with his parents, Philip and Mary Scheid, who settled in Ashford township at an early date. Here Philip Scheid took up two hundred and forty acres of land, all of which was covered with timber and in an undeveloped state. He cleared his holdings and with the lumber thus obtained built a log shanty, in which he lived for a number of years. Eventually, however, he sold out to his son Jacob, the father of our subject. The latter operated the farm until 1899, when he retired from active life, selling the farm to his son Dan. Later he moved to Elmore, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1912, when he was eighty years of age.

Jacob Scheid was one of seven children. He received his education in the district schools of Ashford township and worked upon his father's farm until he was twenty-six years of age. At that time he purchased seventy acres in Auburn township, which he developed and improved for nine years. At the end of that time he sold his farm and rented land in Ashford township, later purchasing property in Campbellsport. Here he took up his residence, operating a box factory and sawmill for five years. He later discontinued the box factory and gave his entire attention to the conduct of the mill, which he ran successfully until 1908. In that year he determined to return to farming and sold out his business interests in Campbellsport and purchased his present tract of land of one hundred and thirty acres in Ashford township. He has greatly improved his place, building in 1911 a fine new barn and operating his holdings along the most modern and progressive lines. He has made his acres productive by practical work and is numbered among the enterprising and substantial citizens of his district. He is interested in every movement looking toward further progress and has a breadth of view and an intelligent grasp of conditions which are qualities of his undoubted public spirit.

In 1883 Mr. Scheid was united in marriage to Miss Mary Litscher, a daughter of John Jacob Litscher, of Ashford. They are the parents of six children, Mary, Emanuel J., Katherine R., Edwin J., Ruth and Marvin E. Mr. Scheid belongs to the German Reformed church of Campbellsport. He is a republican in his political beliefs and held the position as clerk of the school board for nine years, doing practical and progressive work in this capacity. In the business and agricultural activities of his life he has been successful because his methods have been practical and his standards of integrity high. He is a valuable addition to his community in the substantial success which he has achieved and in the progressive qualities of his public spirit, and is a native son whose career is a credit to Fond du Lac county.

LOUIS BUSLAFF.

Louis Buslaff is identified with the agricultural development of Osceola township, where he owns a well improved farm of eighty acres. His birth occurred in Fond du Lac county on the 13th of October, 1859, his parents being Frederick and Caroline (Rahling) Buslaff. The father was born in Germany on the 27th of January, 1832, and there he passed the first sixteen years of his life. Together with his brother Ludwig he came to America in 1848, their destination being Wisconsin. He first located at Mayville, this state, where he finished learning the miller's trade, to which he had served an apprenticeship in the old country for a time. The next eight years he was employed in the McCarthy flour mill, located three miles west of Fond du Lac. During the latter period of his connection with this enterprise, in 1858, he was married to Miss Rahling, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Lubeka) Rahling, who came to Wisconsin in 1855. They first located at Empire but were residing in Osceola township at the time of their death. Mr. Buslaff was employed in various mills in this section of the state and for a time he also followed farming until he purchased in the '60s the mill at Waucousta, which he owned and operated for thirty-five years. There he passed away in January, 1901, at the age of sixty-nine years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Buslaff numbered seven, as follows: William, who died at the age of two years; Louis, our subject; Hattie; Dora; Alvin, a merchant at Waucousta, who is mentioned more fully elsewhere in this work; Frederick; and Caroline.

The life record of Louis Buslaff began at Empire, his father then being connected with the Mountain flour mill, which was located at that point. He

was reared in Osceola township, however, and at the usual age began his education in district school No. 1. Subsequently he assisted his father about the mill at Waucousta, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years of age. Soon after attaining his majority he started out to make his own way in the world, turning his attention to agricultural pursuits. For a year he cultivated a rented farm in Osceola township, but at the expiration of that time removed to Eden. He subsequently returned to Osceola, however, and here in 1892 he purchased sixty-six acres of land, which formed the nucleus of his present farm. The property was practically in a wild state but had been improved by the erection of a few crude buildings, including a log cabin. Mr. Buslaff tore these down and replaced them with a substantial frame house and barns, and he subsequently increased his holdings by the purchase of another fourteen acres. Close application and unremitting energy, intelligently applied, have enabled Mr. Buslaff to convert this place into one of the attractive and valuable properties of the township. Careful tilling and fertilization united with a systematic rotation of crops has brought his fields into a high state of productivity and they annually yield abundant harvests. In connection with diversified farming he engages in the raising of stock and dairying, his efforts meeting with good success.

In 1893, Mr. Buslaff was married to Miss Hattie Allen, a native of Eden township and a daughter of Thomas and Julia Allen, who removed to Wisconsin from Ohio. Five children have been born of this marriage in the following order: Rolland, who was born on June 1, 1894; Roena, whose natal day was December 20, 1895; Almon, who was born on the 27th of April, 1898; Clarence, whose birth occurred on May 30, 1903; and Wilfred, who was born on the 2d of February, 1906.

Mr. Buslaff is a republican and in 1895 was elected town clerk, in which capacity he served for two years. Prosperity has attended his efforts as the result of diligence and thrift, the salient factors of every successful career. He is leading a life of activity and enterprise as is evidenced by the appearance and condition of his farm, which stands as a monument to his well directed energies.

ORRIN F. LEWIS.

Orrin F. Lewis, who is now living retired, is well known in the business circles of Fond du Lac as for more than forty-three years he was identified with the industrial activities as a member of The Geddings & Lewis Manufacturing Company. He was born in Warren county, New York, on the 17th of August, 1832, and is a son of Mathew I. and Betsey (Dodd) Lewis. The father was a native of Vermont, his birth having occurred on January 18, 1801, and the mother was born in the same state on the 23d of August, 1804. Mathew I. Lewis, who was a millwright by trade, removed to Wisconsin with his family in 1847, and on September 21, of that year, he located at Rosendale, this county, where he had purchased forty acres of land. He was ambitious and energetic and in connection with the cultivation of his farm he also worked at the carpenter's trade. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had five children, of whom our subject was the second in order of birth. Harriet married Stephen Crossman, a farmer of Fond du Lac county, who died in 1909, and to them were born six children, Julian, Harriet, Emma, John, William and Frank. Martha married Richard Gove, a farmer of Vermont and they have two children, Edgar and Martha. Mary became the wife of Elijah Hart, a farmer of Rosendale, and they had one child, Emma, who has passed away. Alanson, who married Martha Barber of Fond du Lac, concludes the family.

As he was a lad of fifteen years when he accompanied his people on their removal to this county, Orrin F. Lewis acquired the greater part of his educa-



MR. AND MRS. O. F. LEWIS

tion in the public schools of his native state. He followed various activities during his early manhood, but in 1866 he engaged in the farming implement and machinery business, which he followed with very good success until 1880. In the latter year he disposed of his interest and became associated with Mr. Degroat and Mr. Geddings in the purchase of the old Novelty Iron Works. For six years thereafter this plant was operated under the name of the Degroat, Geddings & Lewis Company, but at the expiration of that time Mr. Degroat sold his interest to his partners, who continued the business under the firm name of The Geddings & Lewis Manufacturing Company for ten years. As they were both men of marked sagacity, enterprise and diligence they met with success in the development of their business, which became one of the well established and thriving industries of the city. On the 12th of December, 1902, they both disposed of their interest, but the plant is still operated as The Geddings & Lewis Company.

At Rosendale on the 31st of December, 1856, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Murray, a daughter of George Murray, a farmer of that community. She was born in the town of Bedeque on Prince Edward's Island on the 20th of December, 1833. She accompanied her people on their removal to Illinois in 1845, and from there they later came to Wisconsin, making the journey in a covered wagon. They were ten days making the trip and Mrs. Lewis drove a herd of cattle all the way from their Illinois home to their destination at Rosendale. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, as follows: George, Carrie, Charles, Arthur and Herbert.

In religious faith the family are Baptists and Mr. Lewis is a thirty-second degree Mason belonging to the Knights Templar and the Consistory. He is a republican in politics and while living in Rosendale was a member of the board of supervisors for two years and for six or seven years he held the office of constable. Mr. Lewis led a life of activity and business enterprise for many years, meeting with success in the promotion of his interests, and is now able to spend his latter days in well earned rest and enjoyment.

HENRY IMMEL.

A native of Germany and a man who was for many years prominently connected with agricultural interests in Empire township is Henry Immel, now living retired in his beautiful and commodious home on Third street, Empire City, and widely known and popular among his many friends. He brought to his occupation his national qualities of industry and perseverance and they add to those personal characteristics which make him an honorable and widely beloved citizen. He was born in Germany on April 26, 1864. His father, John Immel, was also a native of Germany and came to the United States in 1870. He immediately located in Fond du Lac county where he purchased sixty acres of unimproved land and for fifteen years lived upon the place in a log cabin which he himself erected. He cleared his acres and eventually built a modern house and barns upon his property, and became one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of Fond du Lac county. He lived upon his original holdings until his death in 1895 in the seventy-fifth year of his life. He was survived by his wife until 1897 when her death occurred at the age of fifty-nine years. To Mr. and Mrs. John Immel were born eleven children, Adam, George, John, Henry, Christopher, William, August, Herman, Eva, Katherine and Elizabeth.

Henry Immel came to America with his parents when he was a child and received his early education in the German school of Forest township. His childhood was occupied with studies and minor labors on his father's farm. When he was nineteen years of age he went into the northern pine woods during

the winter months but in the summer time assisted his father on the farm until his marriage, when he was twenty-five years of age. He then began to work for himself and made his home in Empire township where he rented a large farm and operated it for one year. At the end of that time he was able to purchase eighty acres in that township to which he eventually added eighty more. He was active in the cultivation of these one hundred and sixty acres until he removed to Fond du Lac with the intention of retiring. However, his residence in Fond du Lac was maintained only two years. At the expiration of that period Mr. Immel again returned to his farm and purchased more land in Empire township. He bought the one hundred and thirty-three acres known as the Edwards farm and here he lived and successfully cultivated the soil until 1911, when he bought a residence on Third street in the city of Fond du Lac and retired from active life. He is well known and popular in the city in which he makes his home. His farm is under the management of his sons who are carrying out in its operation the honorable traditions begun by their father.

In 1889 Mr. Immel was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hansen, a daughter of Christopher and Mary Hansen who came from Germany and settled in Calumet, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Immel five children have been born, Paul, Dailia, Lillie, Mabel and Carl.

Mr. Immel gives his allegiance to the republican party and votes this ticket on national issues although in local affairs he casts an independent ballot. He belongs to the German Lutheran church and upholds its doctrines. He is one of the honored and representative citizens of Fond du Lac county, and the rest which he is now enjoying rewards a life of well directed efforts in a worthy line of activity.

OWEN FITZPATRICK.

Though more than a quarter of a century has passed since Owen Fitzpatrick was called to his final rest, he is still remembered by many of the older residents of Fond du Lac county as one of its substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens. His birth occurred in County Carlow, Ireland, on the 3d of March, 1800, his father being Owen Fitzpatrick, Sr. He attended school in his native land, gaining a broad and liberal education. In August, 1850, he emigrated to the United States, locating at Watertown, Wisconsin, where he purchased a farm and operated the same successfully for a period of fifteen years. In 1865 he came to Fond du Lac county, locating six and a half miles north of Waupun, on Winter's prairie, where he purchased a tract of eighty acres and made his home until 1877. In that year he disposed of the property and removed to Springvale township, on a hundred and sixty acre farm on section 8 which is now the home of his daughter Bridget. He resided thereon until 1886, when he leased the place and took up his abode in Ripon, where his demise occurred on the 27th of April of that year.

In 1840, in County Carlow, Ireland, Mr. Fitzpatrick was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Murphy, a native of that county and a daughter of Arthur Murphy, who was a farmer by occupation and passed away on the Emerald isle. The death of Mrs. Fitzpatrick occurred on the farm in Waupun township, this county, on the 19th of May, 1874. By her marriage she had become the mother of six children. Catharine is the wife of William Fenelon, a retired agriculturist of Ripon, Wisconsin, by whom she has the following children: Margaret, John, William, Kathryn and Eugene. Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to John Gormley, a farmer of Jefferson county, Wisconsin, is the mother of five children, Catharine, Jennie, John, William and Edwin. James passed away on the 10th of July, 1900, when fifty-six years of age. Margaret is the wife of William

Mathews, a retired agriculturist of Colton, California, by whom she has four children, Margaret, William, Mary and Frank. Owen, a twin of Margaret, died at the age of three years. Bridget is the only child born in America, her birth occurring on a farm near Watertown, Wisconsin, on the 26th of November, 1850. After the demise of her brother James she returned to the home farm on section 8, Springvale township, where she still resides, leasing the property. She is a devoted communicant of the Roman Catholic church of Springvale township and is a lady whose many excellent traits of heart and character have endeared her to all with whom she has come into contact.

Owen Fitzpatrick was a staunch democrat in politics but never sought nor desired public office as a reward for his party fealty. Both he and his wife were members of the Catholic church and reared their children in that faith. The period of his residence in Fond du Lac county covered more than two decades and he gained a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

HOLLIS N. AKIN.

Hollis N. Akin, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Ripon, was born in Sheboygan county, this state, on the 15th of March, 1865, and is a son of Edson and Adeline (Acker) Akin. They removed from the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, to Wisconsin during the pioneer days and here the father engaged in farming until his death. He was survived by the mother, who subsequently removed to Ripon, where she passed away. They were the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters.

Reared at home, Hollis N. Akin was educated in the common schools of Plymouth, Wisconsin. After laying aside his text-books, he engaged in farming until 1896, when he went to Sheboygan and worked for his brother, who is an undertaker, for two years. At the expiration of that time he accepted a position with McMahon & Furnace of Ripon, continuing in their employ for three years. Feeling fully qualified to enter upon a business venture of his own he then opened a store in the Hazen block. He carries a well assorted stock of furniture, rugs and pictures, and in connection maintains a fully equipped undertaking department. His business is conducted in accordance with modern commercial methods, and as the quality of his goods is fully commensurate with the prices he is building up a very satisfactory trade, numbering among his patrons many of the best families in the town.

In 1896 Mr. Akin was united in marriage to Miss Maude Crowther, a daughter of W. S. Crowther, and to them have been born two children: Gordon, who died in 1911, at the age of thirteen years; and Marian, who is living at home.

Fraternally Mr. Akin is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is leading an active, enterprising life, and in the development of his business is exercising the intelligence and foresight that gives assurance of constantly increasing success.

WILLIAM J. NAST.

William J. Nast, the popular young cashier of the bank at Eden, has in this capacity displayed business qualifications highly commendable in one of his years. His birth occurred on the home farm near Marblehead, this county, on the 13th of October, 1886, his parents being William and Christina (Smith) Nast. On another page of this work appears a sketch of the father, who is the president

of the Nast Brothers Lime & Stone Company and also acts as chief executive officer of the bank at Eden.

William J. Nast, one of a family of three children, obtained his early education in the district school at Marblehead and later pursued a course in the Fountain City Business College. In 1908 he went to Chicago, where for two and a half years he held the position of bookkeeper with the Wisconsin Lime & Cement Company, in which concern his father is largely interested. After returning home he made his way to Fond du Lac and there worked in the Commercial National Bank for a few months. Subsequently he went to Kewaunee, Wisconsin, as manager of the branch of the Nast Brothers Lime & Stone Company. When the bank at Eden was organized he became its cashier and has since ably served in that capacity, discharging the duties devolving upon him in a prompt and efficient manner.

On the 22d of December, 1910, Mr. Nast was united in marriage to Miss Clara Gustin, a native of Iowa and a daughter of William Gustin. In politics Mr. Nast is independent, supporting men and measures in preference to party. He and his wife are estimable young people and have a wide circle of friends in this locality.

MATTHIAS E. THEISEN, JR.

In 1854 Matthias E. Theisen with his wife and his daughter Mary came from his native country, Germany, across the Atlantic to America, settling in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he took up timber land. He founded the Theisen family in Wisconsin, where for three generations its representatives have been prominent as general farmers. Matthias E. Theisen, Jr., is today cultivating a fine tract of eighty acres of land in the section where his grandfather settled in pioneer times and is adding to the respect and honor in which the family name is held throughout Fond du Lac county. He was born February 5, 1881, and is the son of John and Francesca (Thelen) Theisen. The family was founded in America by the grandfather of our subject, Matthias Theisen, who was born in Germany in 1823. In that country he married Miss Elizabeth Sebanaler and with his wife and his oldest daughter settled some time later in Ashford township, Wisconsin, where he took up wild land covered with timber. He cleared the property, built a crude log shanty upon his holdings and in this home all of his other children were born with the exception of the father of our subject, whose birth occurred on the voyage from Germany to America, on June 24, 1854. The Theisen family lived on their original farm in Ashford township for ten years and then moved to Lomira, where the grandfather purchased land and carried on general agricultural pursuits for forty years. He was aided by his sons in the clearing of his one hundred acres and at the time of his retirement was one of the representative and substantial farmers of his district. In 1897 he abandoned active life and with his wife moved to Campbellsport, where they resided until 1905, when the grandmother of our subject passed away at the age of seventy-two. Matthias Theisen has since that time made his home with his children.

John Theisen, the father of our subject, grew up upon his father's farm and aided from his early childhood in the work of its cultivation. As a boy he was known as one of the most energetic workers in the county, accomplishing as much as any man from the time he was twelve years of age. He remained upon the home farm until his marriage and then purchased eighty acres in Ashford township and began its clearing and cultivation. He built a fine modern house upon the property, erected barns, granaries and other buildings and in 1902 added eighty adjoining acres to his place, which he has since given to his son Matthias.

In 1879 John Theisen was united in marriage to Miss Francesca Thelen, a daughter of Frank and Barbara Thelen, who came to Wisconsin about the year 1850 and were among the earliest settlers in Ashford township. In this section the mother of our subject was born on December 27, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. John Theisen became the parents of five children, Matthias, Michael, George, John and Isabel. Mr. Theisen belongs to St. Matthew's Catholic church of Campbellsport. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has never sought nor desired public office.

Matthias E. Theisen received his education in the district school and attended the high school in Fond du Lac. He later spent one year at the Oshkosh State Normal School and for three years following his graduation engaged in teaching. When he was twenty-two years of age he entered his father's employ, working upon the home farm until he was twenty-nine. He then purchased eighty acres of land, constituting a part of the homestead, and has been engaged in general agriculture upon this property since that time. He also is treasurer of the Town Line Cheese Company and is one of the organizers and founders of that institution. He is ready to give his support to any movement looking toward the further advancement and progress of his county and township, and is in all things public-spirited, energetic and straightforward.

In 1910 Mr. Theisen was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Schuh, a daughter of Joseph Schuh, of Hartford. They have one son, Leo John, born September 16, 1910. The family belong to St. Matthew's Catholic church of Campbellsport and Mr. Theisen is serving as its trustee. He gives his allegiance to the republican party and is intelligently interested in local affairs, although he never seeks public office. He is recognized as one of the most successful and promising of the younger generation of farmers in Ashford township. The family to which he belongs has been prominent and well known in the district for over half a century and Matthias Theisen upholds the traditions of a highly honored family name and has added to it by a life spent honorably and usefully in a worthy occupation.

JOHN W. WRIGHT.

John W. Wright is an extensive stockholder in the Ripon Knitting Company and has been actively identified with the industrial life of Fond du Lac county for many years. He was born in Rosendale, Wisconsin, February 13, 1868, and is a son of Wells and Margaret (Tuttle) Wright, the former a native of Whitehall, Vermont, and the latter of Rome, New York. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch came with his family to Wisconsin at an early date and located in Rosendale where he bought government land which he farmed until his death. His son, Wells Wright, the father of the subject of this review, was also a farmer during his active career and now makes his home with his son in Ripon, Wisconsin. His wife died in 1904. Both Wells Wright and his wife were members of the Congregational church. They had only one child, John W., our subject.

He was educated in the public schools of Rosendale, attended the high school in Ripon and spent some time in the Ripon College. He later attended Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1891 with the degree of B. A. Immediately after his return to Ripon he opened a drug store which he conducted successfully until 1895. In a previous year he had bought stock in the Ripon Knitting Company and in 1895 he determined to devote his entire attention to his affairs in connection with that institution. He has since been active in its development and in its progress along industrial lines. It was in a flourishing condition at the time he became connected

with it and through his efforts it has increased its output and extended its markets to a remarkable degree. It is now one of the largest manufacturing concerns in the state of Wisconsin. It has recently built a large and modernly equipped plant with all the most improved machinery and scientific methods. It employs over three hundred people continually and its market is limited only by the boundaries of North America. In this success Mr. Wright has been an important contributing factor.

In 1895 Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Annie Haseltine, a daughter of C. P. Haseltine of Ripon. Mr. Wright gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but beyond fulfilling his duties as a citizen he has not taken an active part in public affairs. He prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and upon the duties incident to his position as director of the First National Bank and trustee of the Ripon College. He is a prominent Mason and belongs to Ripon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and to the Berlin commandery, Knights Templar. He is one of the prominent business men of Ripon, is well known, and widely popular among his many friends in this city.

LOUIS AVERBECK.

Germany has given to Fond du Lac county many upright, sturdy and honorable men whose lives and activities have raised and broadened the quality of its citizens. Louis Averbeck, who is now engaged in agriculture on an extensive scale in Empire township is of German parentage. In his successful career he has carried on the honorable traditions which are his personal and natural inheritance.

His father, Detrich Averbeck, was among the earliest pioneers of Fond du Lac county and his life is a record of sturdy struggle against almost overwhelming obstacles. He was born in Hanover, Germany, and spent his early youth in that country and received his education there. At the age of twenty-two years he came to America and lived for five years in the vicinity of New York city. When he landed in the United States and reached New York he was penniless and was obliged to at once find work by which to gain a livelihood. He was employed as a gardener and then as a farmer receiving for his labors in the latter capacity eight dollars per month. He worked for one year on this salary and at the end of that time was taken with typhoid fever. His ill health compelled him to go to a hospital and there he remained for one year before he had finally completely recuperated. When he had regained his health he went back to his former employer and worked in his service for four years. He saved every penny which he made beyond his bare expenses and was enabled eventually to work his way to Wisconsin. He was actuated in making this move by many favorable reports which reached New York of the fertility and productiveness of the soil of Wisconsin and the many opportunities for advancement which that state offered. He landed first in Milwaukee and there worked for two years in various capacities. He had, however, definitely decided to make agriculture his life career and hearing that a new section of the country was at that time being opened he made the journey from Milwaukee on foot. He met with many hardships and his only sustenance during his travel were the animals which he hunted and killed for food. In the first year of his residence in Fond du Lac Detrich Averbeck worked by the month but was soon able to buy eighty acres in Eldorado township. Here he built a log shanty and spent many years in this dwelling. His success, however, was continuous and fairly rapid and he was eventually able to build a modern house upon his holdings where he lived until his death in 1898 at the age of seventy-six years. His marriage occurred while he was still a resident of Germany. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss

Anna Maria Mechler, whose birth occurred in Baden-Baden, Germany. She came to Milwaukee and later to Fond du Lac with her husband and made the journey between these two places by boat and stage coach. She survived her husband until 1910 in which year her death occurred in the seventy-seventh year of her life. Mr. Detrich Averbeck was prominent and active in many lines. He served his country for ten months as a member of a Wisconsin regiment in the Federal army and his military service was marked by bravery and intelligent activity.

Louis Averbeck was one of a family of twelve children, eight of whom are still living. He was born on the farm in Eldorado township in 1854 and his early youth was spent amid agricultural scenes and incidents. He received his education in the district schools of his native section and was always active in the work of his father's farm until he was twenty-seven years of age. At that time his father gave him eighty acres of land in Empire township and this forms part of his present holdings. He has been active in agricultural pursuits during all his life and has developed his property along scientific lines. He has added to his holdings at different periods and his farm now comprises one hundred and twenty acres of the most fertile soil in Fond du Lac county. He has remodeled the house, built the barns and in every way has developed and improved his property.

In 1881 Mr. Averbeck was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Gathman and to their union were born three children: John, Annie, who is now deceased; and Ida. Mr. Averbeck's wife died in 1903 and in October, 1905, he was again married. His second union was with Miss Caroline Ladewig, a native of New York.

Mr. Averbeck is independent politically and votes for man or measure regardless of party affiliation. He has never sought public office, preferring to devote his attention to his agricultural enterprises. His life has been a progressive force in the development of Fond du Lac county and his energies have met with the natural reward of concentrated and well directed intelligence.

EDWARD A. F. ZOELLNER.

Edward A. F. Zoellner is one of the well known and successful business men of Fond du Lac, where he is engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of building cement material. He was born in Fond du Lac, February 17, 1873, and is a son of William and Sophia (Schroeder) Zoellner, both of whom are natives of Germany. The father's birth occurred in 1838. He emigrated to America at a very early period in his life, settling in Wisconsin. In 1896 he engaged in the manufacture of brooms and continued to give his attention to that business until 1903, at which time he was succeeded in business by his sons and he retired to private life. He maintains his residence at No. 145 Linden street. The mother as a young girl started with her parents for America and while on the way here her mother died and was buried at sea. Her father with the remaining members of his family on reaching the shores of the new world established his home in Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. William Zoellner seven children were born, of whom six are living. Edward A. F., the subject of this review, is the oldest member of the family. William, who is conducting a saloon and bowling alley in Fond du Lac, married Nellie Sheron, of this city, by whom he has one child, Jeannette. Louisa became the wife of Guy Waton, who is engaged in the insurance business. Otto is engaged in business in partnership with his brother William. Ida married Arthur Swartz, a wood carver of Fond du Lac, and they have one child, Sidney, who is living in this city. Anna, the youngest member of the family, makes her home with her parents.

Edward A. F. Zoellner was reared in his parents' home and received his education in the German-English Academy, of which he was a pupil until he attained the age of thirteen. He then took up work in a sash and door factory of Fond du Lac and there continued for two and one-half years, after which he was employed as a painter in a furniture factory and gave his attention to that work for one year. He later found employment in a sash factory at Fond du Lac for eight months and then worked as an apprenticed typesetter for the purpose of learning that trade. He continued in that occupation for one year, after which time he was employed as delivery man for a china store for a period of one year. He then engaged in work in a broom factory, where he learned the business of manufacturing brooms, and after acquiring a thorough knowledge of that business, in company with his father and brother, he opened a broom factory in Fond du Lac in 1896 under the firm name of Zoellner & Sons. The Zoellner & Sons Broom Company manufactured brooms for a period of six years, after which time Edward A. F. Zoellner took up work in a cement plant and there obtained a proficient knowledge of the cement business at which he worked for others for a period of two years. At the end of that time, in company with Mr. Kopf, he opened a cement plant under the firm name of Zoellner & Kopf, which business was continued for three years. In 1910 the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Zoellner established a cement factory of his own which he has since operated with gratifying success. His plant is one of the best equipped of its kind in Fond du Lac and his business has steadily increased in volume until his is now one of the largest manufacturing plants in that line of business in Fond du Lac county. In addition to his cement business he also owns property located at No. 15 West Eleventh street.

Mr. Zoellner was united in marriage to Miss Matie Kobs, of Fond du Lac, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kobs. Mr. Zoellner is affiliated with the republican party and is a member of the Eagles. He was a member of Company E, Second Wisconsin National Guard, from 1907 to 1910.

WILLIAM NAST, SR.

William Nast, Sr., who enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the most enterprising and reliable business men of Fond du Lac county, is at the head of the Nast Brothers Lime & Stone Company of Eden, which was incorporated in 1904. He is a prominent factor in financial circles as president of the Bank of Eden. His birth occurred in Germany in the year 1852, his parents being William and Wilhelmina (Bucholtz) Nast, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of August Nast, a brother of our subject.

William Nast, of this review, was a youth of ten years when his parents crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up their abode in this county. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Eden township and assisted in the operation of the stone quarry which his father had opened thereon. In 1880 his father opened the quarry which our subject now operates in association with his brother August under the firm name of Nast Brothers Lime & Stone Company. William Nast, of this review, is at the head of the concern and his efforts have contributed substantially to its growth. He is likewise interested in the Wisconsin Lime & Cement Company of Chicago as a director, acts as president of the bank at Eden, an institution of which he has every reason to be proud, and is also a director of the Commercial National Bank of Fond du Lac. Mr. Nast resides on his beautiful farm near the quarries and has long been numbered among the leading and prosperous citizens of this county.

In 1882 Mr. Nast was united in marriage to Miss Christina Smith, a lady highly accomplished and of many fine traits of character and heart, in whom he has found an able helpmate. Mr. and Mrs. Nast have three sons: Herman, William and Edwin. Mr. Nast's friends entertain for him high regard by reason of his fidelity to the trust reposed in him, his devotion to his business and his faithful performance of the duties of citizenship.

EDMUND H. KORRER.

Edmund H. Korrer, a native of Fond du Lac and a well known business man of this city, has served as superintendent of the Fond du Lac Brick Company since 1910. His birth occurred on the 29th of January, 1875, his parents being Edmund N. and Eliza (Haas) Korrer. The father was born in Lucherberg, Germany, on the 19th of November, 1838, while the mother's birth occurred at Worms, on the Rhine, July 15, 1842. The paternal great-grandparents of our subject were Joseph and Maria Franziska (Schroeder) Korrer, of Lamersdorf, Germany, the former born in 1776. The paternal grandparents of Edmund H. Korrer were John Hubert and Maria Katharina (Radermacher) Korrer, the former born at Lamersdorf, Germany, on the 3d of May, 1803, and the latter on the 29th of December, 1805. Their marriage was celebrated at Lamersdorf in 1830 and immediately afterward they removed to Lucherberg, Germany, which was the birthplace of Edmund N. Korrer. The family emigrated to America in 1850, purchasing and locating on a farm at Ashford, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. Edmund N. Korrer and Eliza Haas, the parents of the subject of this review, were married at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on the 15th of August, 1864. The latter was called to her final rest on the 9th of April, 1911.

Edmund H. Korrer obtained his early education in the public schools of his native city and also pursued a course of study in the German-English Academy there. After putting aside his text-books he was employed as bookkeeper and credit man by The Zinke Company, wholesale grocers, remaining in that position from 1894 until 1910. In the latter year he became superintendent of the Fond du Lac Brick Company and has since ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in this connection, manifesting sound judgment and excellent business ability.

On the 7th of October, 1903, at Fond du Lac, Mr. Korrer was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. Bechaud, a daughter of F. H. and Annie (Abel) Bechaud, of Fond du Lac. In politics Mr. Korrer is a democrat. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, and shows his progressive spirit by his active membership in the Business Men's Association. In his religious faith he is a devout communicant of the Roman Catholic church. In the city where his entire life has been spent he enjoys an enviable reputation in both business and social circles.

JOHN A. HENDRICKS.

John A. Hendricks is a well known and successful farmer and business man of Ashford township, and is a son of a pioneer in the settlement of the district. He is operating his farm along systematic and progressive lines, making it one of the model properties in Fond du Lac county, modern and up-to-date in every particular.

John Hendricks was born in Pennsylvania on November 20, 1840, and is a son of Andrew and Margaret (Glass) Hendricks, natives of that state, where their marriage occurred. The father was a tanner by trade but abandoned this

occupation in favor of farming. In 1847 he went to Granville, Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, where he spent five years, coming in 1852 to Fond du Lac county, among the early settlers. He located in Ashford township on a tract of wild land which he improved and cultivated. He built a log house upon his holdings in which he lived for many years, and was the first man to build a basement barn in the township. He was one of the representative and substantial citizens of this district. Andrew Hendricks died upon his farm in 1874 at the age of sixty-three years and was survived by his wife until 1878, her death occurring when she was sixty-eight years of age.

John Hendricks was educated in the district schools of Milwaukee and Fond du Lac counties and was reared upon his father's farm. Even in his early childhood he assisted in the minor duties incident to the operation of a growing agricultural enterprise and at the age of twenty-eight assumed entire charge of its management and direction. He acted in this capacity until 1878 when he moved to his farm which he had purchased previous to this, in Ashford township upon which he has since lived. He has carried on the work of its development and cultivation along active, modern and progressive lines. He has built barns and outbuildings, has fenced and drained his fields and erected upon his property a modern and comfortable home. He is numbered among the representative general farmers in his section and is known in business circles as secretary of the Ashford Fire Insurance Company which he organized.

In 1868 Mr. Hendricks was united in marriage to Miss Betsy Barnett, a daughter of Henry Barnett of Ashford. They became the parents of four children, Stratton A., Wallace E., Lewis E., and John H. Mrs. Hendricks belongs to the Baptist church.

In his political views Mr. Hendricks is a consistent republican and for several years served as chairman of the town council. He is widely recognized as one of the representative citizens of Ashford township and has attained a place of prominence in agricultural and business circles of Fond du Lac county.

ANDREW J. AMEND.

Andrew J. Amend, who conducts a grocery store in Ripon, has been identified with the business interests of Fond du Lac county for twenty-nine years. He was born in Walworth county, Wisconsin, on the 30th of March, 1858, and is a son of Sebastian and Margaret (Wastrich) Amend, natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in 1836, spending the first five years of his residence in this country in the east. He was married in Ohio and in 1841 he and his wife came to Wisconsin, first locating in Milwaukee, which at that period gave little promise of developing into a city of its present magnitude. He could have purchased land there very cheap, having been offered a tract of four acres on what is now West Water street for four hundred dollars. Instead of locating there, he went on to Walworth county, however, where he took up a hundred and twenty acres and the mother forty acres of government land, which he diligently cultivated and improved for many years. The tract on which the mother filed is still owned by the son Andrew J., who sold the remainder of the old homestead in 1910. Both parents have long since passed away, the mother's death having occurred on the farm, but the father died at the home of our subject in Ripon, where he had been living since 1890.

Andrew J. Amend is the thirteenth in a family of fourteen children, of whom four are living. His education was obtained in the common schools of Racine county, this state, and such times as he was not engaged with his lessons he devoted to the work of the farm. He remained at home until he was twenty-six years, when he decided upon a commercial career. In 1883 he came to Ripon and

bought a grocery store, which he conducted for sixteen years. He subsequently went into the oil and later the creamery business, but on the 28th of June, 1908, he once more identified himself with the grocery trade. As he is thoroughly familiar with the business, carries a good selection of staple and fancy groceries and takes infinite pains to satisfy his customers, he is accorded an excellent patronage.

Mr. Amend was married on the 19th of November, 1884, to Miss Adeline Walters of Dubuque, Iowa, and they have become the parents of eight children: William, who is a resident of South Dakota; Alma, who is a teacher; Raymond, who is living at home; Marie, who is also at home; Leo, who is assisting his father in the store; and Margaret, Walter and Lorretta.

Mr. Amend takes an active interest in local politics and is now serving his third term as treasurer and he was formerly a member of the town council while he served as postmaster during Cleveland's administration. He is one of the progressive citizens and enterprising business men, and actively cooperates in promoting the development of the community.

WILLARD C. INGALLS.

One hundred and seventy acres of land in Empire township, improved and scientifically developed, is the contribution which Willard C. Ingalls and his brother Fred M. Ingalls have made to the prosperity and resources of Fond du Lac county. Mr. Ingalls is a representative and substantial agriculturist of this section and the beauty and productiveness of his farm is the most convincing proof of his success. The first representative of the family to come to Wisconsin was Simeon Martin Ingalls, the father of our subject. He was born at Keene, Essex county, New York, in 1834, and with his brother, George E. Ingalls, settled in Fond du Lac county, near Ripon, when he was twenty-one years of age. After some years of residence in that section he removed to the township of Fond du Lac, where he bought eighty acres of land on section 26, which he brought to a high state of cultivation before he gave up agriculture as an occupation. He afterward removed to the city of Fond du Lac and maintained his residence there until his death in 1912. His wife was Cynthia A. Brown, of Perrysburg, New York, who came to Fond du Lac county with her father, John Brown, and his wife, Mercy. Mrs. Simeon Ingalls was born in 1837 and her death occurred on November 25, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Simeon M. Ingalls were the parents of four children, Elmer Brown, Edith M., Fred M. and Willard C., of this review. Simeon Ingalls was a substantial and widely known citizen of Fond du Lac township, where he took an active part in public affairs. He was treasurer of his township for one term and held a similar position on the school board for many years. The latter office after his retirement devolved upon his son Willard, who in his activities in this capacity carried out the honorable traditions of his father.

Willard C. Ingalls was born February 22, 1873, in the township of Fond du Lac, and acquired his education in the district schools of that section. He followed the usual course of study until he had prepared himself for high school and spent about six years as a student in the city of Fond du Lac. From early childhood he was familiar with the labors incident to farm life and after leaving school gave valuable assistance to his father in the conduct of his agricultural enterprise. When Simeon Ingalls retired in 1910 his sons Willard and Fred took upon themselves the management of his property and successfully farmed it for two years. They later traded the land in Fond du Lac township for the McLeod farm of one hundred and seventy acres located near Empire. This property Mr. Ingalls has been actively developing since that time and his flourishing acres improved and developed along progressive lines are an evidence of his success.

In 1906 Mr. Ingalls was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Wright, a daughter of Irving H. Wright of Fond du Lac township in which section she was born. Three children have been born to their union: Cynthia I., Gordon W., and Irving W., all of whom are living with their parents on the home farm. Mr. Ingalls gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has preferred to keep himself aloof from active public life. He is affiliated with the Congregational church and is well known throughout Empire township as a man of exemplary character. By reason of the good qualities of his citizenship and the genial and kindly characteristics of his personality Mr. Ingalls has gained a prominent and popular place among his fellowmen. His success has been substantial and well deserved and the methods by which it has been attained have been distinguished by a strict uprightness and intelligent activity.

THOMAS J. MURPHY.

Thomas J. Murphy has for the past fourteen years conducted a plumbing establishment in association with Michael Murphy at No. 15 Forest avenue in Fond du Lac. His birth occurred in this city on the 9th of July, 1851, his parents being William and Eliza (O'Neal) Murphy, both of whom were born in Ireland. The father was an agriculturist by occupation and was also engaged in the draying business. In 1847 he took up his abode in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, but subsequently moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he remained for one year and where he met the lady who later became his wife and who had settled in that city in 1847. To Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy were born four children. Maria B. makes her home in San Francisco, California. Thomas J., is the subject of this review and second in order of birth. Maggie A., who is a resident of San Francisco, California, married Mr. Snow of that state and has one child, William, who is employed as a clerk. Kathryn E., is the wife of Thomas Cody, a park watchman of San Francisco.

Thomas J. Murphy attended the public schools until fifteen years of age and subsequently secured employment in the gas works of Fond du Lac, where he remained at work for thirty years and served in the capacity of superintendent twenty years of that time. In 1898 he purchased a half interest in the plumbing establishment owned by Michael Murphy and for the past fourteen years the business has been conducted under the style of Murphy & Murphy. He has won success in this connection and owns a handsome residence at No. 225 South Marr street as well as some property on West Second street and a lot on Eighth street.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Thomas J. Murphy chose Miss Mary A. Malloy, of Boston, Massachusetts, her parents being Patrick and Anna Malloy, who were born in Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Murphy has been born one child, Theresa E., whose birth occurred on the 21st of October, 1895.

In politics Mr. Murphy is a democrat, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He is a communicant of St. Joseph's Catholic church and he belongs to the Business Men's Association. He has spent his entire life in the city of Fond du Lac and is well and favorably known as a business man and citizen.

YANKOW BROTHERS.

Carl, Arthur and George Yankow are numbered among the representative and substantial farmers of Fond du Lac county and their association in the management of their fine tract of land in Ashford township has resulted in distinct success. They are worthy representatives of agricultural interests in the section

in which they reside, working along progressive, modern and systematic lines. Their farm comprises one hundred and eighty acres of excellent land which constituted their father's homestead and which they have brought to a high state of improvement and development.

The family is of German origin, their father, Frederick Yankow, having been born in that country. He came to the United States in the early '50s with his father Frederick Yankow, Sr., who settled in Sheboygan county, Wilson township. Here the grandfather purchased a tract of raw timber land which he cleared and cultivated. He built a log cabin upon his holdings, in which he lived until his death. Frederick Yankow, the father, purchased this farm and improved it for a number of years, later disposing of it in order to move to Port Washington where he operated an extensive fruit orchard, cultivating plums and pears. He enlisted in the Ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and served for three years and three months during the Civil war. For eighteen years he was a resident of Almira township, removing from that section to Ashford township in 1889. On March 16 of that year he purchased the one hundred and eighty acres which his sons are now operating and upon this property his death occurred in January, 1902, when he was sixty-six years of age. His wife was Miss Amanda Thomas, who was born in Germany, but who came to the United States when she was only three years of age, her parents being among the early settlers in Sheboygan county. After the death of her husband she married Conrad Leibenstein of Sheboygan Falls.

The three Yankow brothers are natives of Dodge county. The eldest, Carl, was born on October 23, 1874; George was born on the 17th of October, 1878; and Arthur, the youngest, was born on the 8th of February, 1882. The brothers have spent their entire lives up to the present time in agricultural pursuits. They aided their father in the work of the farm when they were mere children and have always been identified with the conduct and management of the same. Subsequently they purchased the land and have since that time been associated in its improvement and development. They are numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of their community and have founded their success upon expert knowledge of the details of their occupation and upon industry, ambition and business integrity.

In 1904 Arthur Yankow was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Flanagan, a daughter of Edward Flanagan, and a native of Eden township. They are the parents of two children: Anna Edwina, born June 27, 1905; and Eunice Cecilia, born May 11, 1908. The second brother, George, is also married. His wife was Miss Martha Odekirk, who is a daughter of Jonathon Odekirk of Auburn township.

The Yankow brothers are well known in Ashford township as successful agriculturists. They manage their farm in an expert way, supplementing their agricultural skill by business ability of a high order. Their methods being based upon the strict principles of integrity, they well deserve their position as representative citizens of the county where they are accorded universal respect and esteem.

PETER BRAUN.

Peter Braun is a well known and respected citizen of Eden township, Fond du Lac county, where he is engaged in the cultivation of the homestead which originally was the property of his father. He was born on November 8, 1852, in his father's log cabin in Washington county, this state, and is a son of Nicholas and Magdeline (Wilcomb) Braun, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was by occupation a farmer in his native land and emigrated to the United States in 1844, settling first in Washington county, Wisconsin, on a rented

farm. He built a log cabin on that farm and during his residence there cleared the timber and underbrush from fifty acres of the land, which he worked on shares for a period of six years. He then purchased land in the town of Eden, which is now a part of the property known in that community as the Braun Home. The land at the time he settled upon it was heavily covered with hardwood timber and his first improvements made upon the place consisted of a log cabin and stable. The latter is still standing and is one of the relics of early pioneer life in Wisconsin. In 1875 he built the present modern brick house and improved the property also with fine barns and granaries. On that property he remained until the time of his death, which occurred in 1889, at the age of seventy-one years. In 1845 he was united in marriage to Miss Magdeline Wilcomb, a native of Germany, who emigrated with her parents to America and settled in Washington county at a very early period in the history of Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Braun thirteen children were born, nine of whom are living, Annie, Mary, Louisa, Ellen, Katherine, Henry, John, William and Peter. The mother of this family passed out of this life in September, 1910, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. The father and mother were members of St. Matthew's Catholic church at Campbellsport, Wisconsin, as are also all the members of their family.

Peter Braun was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public school of the district in which he lived. He attended school in the winter and during the summer season was engaged in work on his father's farm. During the latter years of his father's life he and his four brothers remained at home and were engaged in the care and operation of the old homestead. In 1893 Peter Braun purchased a farm in Empire township, on which he lived for a period of seven years. He then sold that place and immediately thereafter bought the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, to which he removed and where he has since resided.

In 1880 Mr. Braun was united in marriage to Miss Julia Herbert, a daughter of Conrad and Caroline Herbert. Her parents were natives of Bavaria, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1872, settling at Newcastle, now Campbellsport, in Fond du Lac county. Mr. and Mrs. Braun are the parents of eight children, Josephine, Edwin, Nicholas, Martin, Marie, Agnes, George and Albert.

Mr. Braun is affiliated with the democratic party but liberal in the use of his franchise in local political affairs. He has served on the board of supervisors for four years and for three years has been assessor of Eden township. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church at Eden. Mr. Braun is one of the respected and well known citizens of Fond du Lac county, in which he has spent the greater portion of his active and successful life. He is a man whose reputation for integrity is above suspicion and is numbered among the most useful citizens of his part of the state.

ELWOOD A. QUICK.

Elwood A. Quick is now farming in Fond du Lac county on the beautiful old Macey homestead and by his thorough methods is adding to the fertility and attractiveness of a property which has long been a feature of agricultural development of Empire township. Mr. Quick's family have been prominent in agricultural circles of Wisconsin for two generations. His father, Alonzo F. Quick, was born in New York state in 1828 and was married while a resident of the east to Miss Jennette Ladd. In 1864 Alonzo Quick brought his family to Wisconsin and settled in Lamartine township in Fond du Lac county. Here he bought land and was successful in the cultivation of the soil until 1887 when he retired from active farm life and removed to the village of Lamartine where his

death occurred in 1904. His wife survives him and is living in the city of Fond du Lac in the seventy-seventh year of her age. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Quick were the parents of three sons, who were all born in New York state.

Elwood A. Quick was born on October 31, 1857, and came to Wisconsin with his parents when he was seven years of age. He went to school in Lamartine township and received the usual course of instruction. He early became acquainted with the labors incident to farm life and by helping his father in the cultivation of the soil became familiar with the best methods of agriculture and the scientific operation of a farm. He was ambitious and energetic and gave his entire attention to perfecting himself in the various details of what he early determined to make his life work. He assisted his father with the practical intelligence which has always distinguished him and in 1887 when Alonzo Quick retired his son, Elwood, bought the home farm in Lamartine township and was successful in its operation for ten years. During that period he became known as an intelligent and progressive farmer and won a high place in the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. In 1897 he disposed of his holdings in Lamartine township and removed to the city of Fond du Lac where he engaged for some time in the wholesale cheese business with his brother John H. Quick. His commercial operations were successful and were carried on along honorable and worthy lines for ten years. Mr. Quick was, however, an agriculturist at heart and was never wholly content in commercial pursuits. He eventually bought the old Macey farm in Empire township and upon this he now lives. Besides adding to its productiveness and fertility he has made it by his constant labor beautiful and attractive in all its aspects and it is now one of the pleasing features of the landscape in Empire township.

In 1884 Mr. Quick was united in marriage to Miss Jeannette Gilbert, a daughter of Benjamin and Jane Gilbert of Fond du Lac township. They are the parents of one child, Ethel I., whose birth occurred on the 21st of February, 1886, and who married Percy Chadbourne, an employe in the offices of the War Department at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Quick has always been interested in educational development and has taken a prominent part therein in Empire township for many years. He has served on the school board and is now treasurer of school district No. 1, where his ability and intelligent labor have been a factor in promoting the cause of education. He is a republican and votes this ticket in national issues, while in local politics he supports man or measure irrespective of party with that independence which is the basic quality of his forceful and sturdy character.

FRANK O. BRIGGS.

Frank O. Briggs, the popular and efficient postmaster of Eden, is also the proprietor of a well equipped general mercantile store which he operates in connection with his official duties. He is well known in Eden township, within whose borders his entire life has been passed, and comes from a family that has long been prominent in this community. He was born in 1866 on the old Briggs homestead, a son of Monmouth and Charlotte (Berry) Briggs. The father, who was born in Dutchess county, Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin in early manhood, settling on a farm in Eden township, Fond du Lac county, which later became known as the old Briggs farm. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a number of years, and then, in 1874, removed to the city of Fond du Lac, where he engaged in the farm implement business for three years, during which period his son Albert superintended his agricultural interests. At the end of that time he returned to his farm and there remained until his death. He had held the office of town supervisor of Eden for some

time, and was a well known and prominent man of his community. He passed away on the 11th of October, 1904, at the age of seventy-seven years, but his wife, who was born in the state of New York, still survives. In their family were five children, three of whom are living.

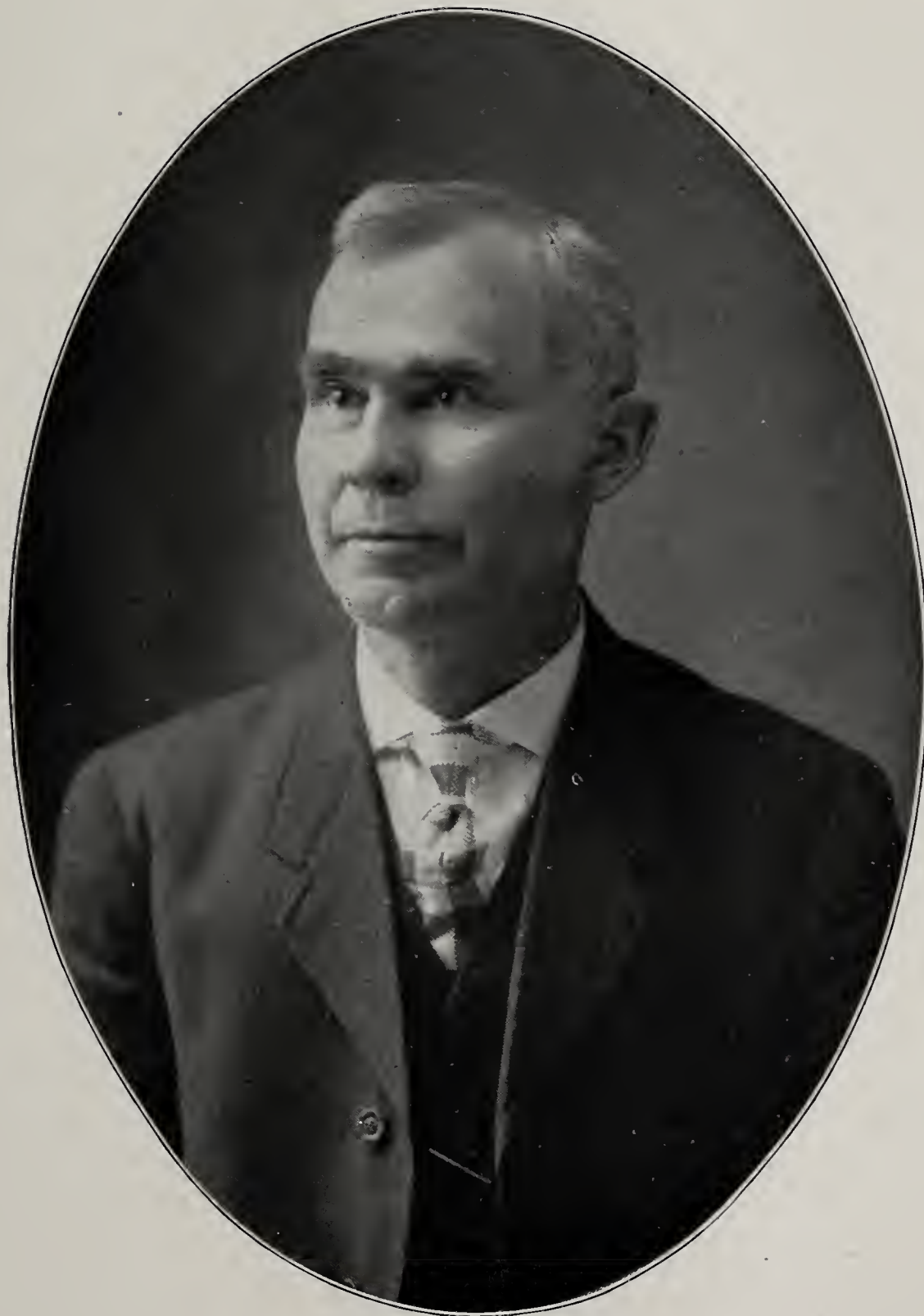
The old homestead farm was the training ground upon which Frank O. Briggs received his preparation for the practical and responsible duties of life. Surrounded by the wholesome environment of rural life he grew to sturdy manhood and meanwhile he attended the district schools in the acquirement of his education. He also had the benefit of study in the schools of Fond du Lac during the three years' residence of the family in that city, and with the exception of the period spent in town, he acquired much practical experience through the assistance which he rendered his father in the work of the farm. Here he remained until the 17th of April, 1905, when he went to the village of Eden to assume the duties of postmaster, to which office he had been appointed and in which he has since served. At that time he also purchased the general mercantile business of M. Fay and has continued to conduct that store in connection with the postoffice. He has since enlarged the business and improved the store and is in addition a shipper of hay, which he buys at wholesale from the farmers of the surrounding territory. The capable conduct of his enterprise has brought him gratifying success which now ranks him among the prosperous business men of Eden.

Mr. Briggs was married, on the 31st of May, 1888, to Miss Estella Cottrell Bagley, who is a daughter of Edwin Cottrell. She was born in the state of New York and when but two years of age was brought by her mother and step-father, Dudley S. Bagley, to Sheboygan county. Mr. Bagley was numbered among the old settlers of that county but later, in 1885, he took up his abode in Fond du Lac county.

Mr. Briggs has ever taken deep interest in the political situation of the country and since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has given his support to the republican party. Prior to his appointment to the office of postmaster he served, during the years 1902-3-4, as town chairman, and for three years was also town assessor of Eden. He is extensively known in the community in which his entire life has been spent, and the fact that his best friends are those who have known him the longest is an indication that he possesses in large degree those manly qualities which enable one to win and hold the respect, confidence and good-will of his fellowmen.

JAMES W. MEIKLEJOHN.

James W. Meiklejohn is the popular and well known postmaster of Waupun, in which office he has served continuously since having received his first appointment under President McKinley. He was born in Empire, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, May 16, 1853, and is the son of John and Julia (Nims) Meiklejohn, both of whom were natives of New York. The paternal grandfather was Andrew Meiklejohn, a native of Scotland, who emigrated to America at an early day and settled in Putnam, New York. The maternal grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania and at a very early date established their home in New York. The father, John Meiklejohn, settled on a farm in Empire township, Fond du Lac county, about 1846 and was among the very first of the pioneers to establish his home in that township. He purchased a part of his farm from the government and later bought a portion of what was known as the old Baker farm. He continued to live upon the land on which he first settled in Empire until in the early '80s, at which time he sold the property and moved on a farm which he had purchased, located two and one-half miles south



JAMES W. MEIKLEJOHN

of Fond du Lac. He later moved to Fond du Lac and there continued to live until the time of his death, which occurred in 1899. He was one of the active and loyal members of the republican party and had served for several terms as chairman of the township board, served as a member of the county board, and was a member of the state legislature for one term in 1882. In his family were nine children, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: Warren, a resident of Fond du Lac; James W., of this review; Mary J., who is the wife of John Fisher, of Skaneateles, New York; Albert, whose death occurred in Iowa; Julia, who was a physician and was engaged in the practice of her profession for twelve years in Elgin, Illinois, her death occurring at Clinton, Wisconsin, in 1907; and Charles of Los Angeles, California.

James W. Meiklejohn was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Empire, later attending the high school of Fond du Lac. Following his school days he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, in which he continued until 1880, at which time he moved to Waupun and there engaged in the livery business, in which he continued for nineteen consecutive years. He then received from President McKinley the appointment as postmaster of Waupun and has since continued to devote his attention to the responsibilities and cares of that office.

In March, 1878, Mr. Meiklejohn was united in marriage to Miss Alice Wood, of Waupun township, Fond du Lac county, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, her father having been one of the early pioneers of his portion of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Meiklejohn are the parents of two children. John W., the elder is engaged in the gas business in Amarillo, Texas, and also runs a millinery establishment. He married Aggie North, of Fox Lake, Wisconsin, and they have two children. Kathleen married Eugene Blasdel, of Amarillo, Texas, and they have one child.

Mr. Meiklejohn is one of the active members of the republican party and served as chief of police for seven years in Waupun. He was also a supervisor for two terms and served for two terms as a member of the county board and for the same period as alderman of his ward. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Woodmen lodge. Mr. Meiklejohn is among the best known men of Fond du Lac county, as his entire life has been spent within the confines of the county in which he was born. He is one of the few who have a vivid memory of that strangest of frontier events, "the Indian scare" which occurred many years ago in Fond du Lac county and is regarded as one of the historical episodes of that part of Wisconsin, his father being one of the men who scouted the country for a distance of twenty miles from Fond du Lac in search of hostile red men and returned to the fear-smitten inhabitants later with the news that no trace of Indians, hostile or otherwise, could be located within the vicinity of the county seat. An esteemed and valued citizen Mr. Meiklejohn is a man high in the councils of the republican party, of which he has always been a loyal and enthusiastic supporter, and is interested in every public measure calculated to improve the conditions of the people.

JOHN DALTON.

John Dalton, the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Eden township, has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits with good results. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred in the city of Fond du Lac on the 15th of August, 1856. His father, John Dalton, Sr., was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1823, and when a young man emigrated to the United States with two or three of his brothers and sisters. After spending a few months in

New York state he came to Wisconsin, settling in the city of Fond du Lac, where he worked for a few years. Subsequently he purchased a tract of forty acres in Empire township, cleared the property and erected thereon a log house in which he resided for about nine years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the place and purchased one hundred and eighty acres of land in Eden township, where he made his home until called to his final rest in 1887. The property was but little improved when it came into his possession and after clearing the same he erected a commodious residence and substantial barn, these buildings having since been enlarged and remodeled by his son John. In 1850 he wedded Miss Katherine Flaherty, by whom he had seven children, as follows: Ellen; Thomas; John, of this review; Michael; Edward; Honora; and Katherine, who died in infancy.

John Dalton acquired his education in an old log schoolhouse in Empire township and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the operation of the home farm. Since his father's demise he has operated the place on his own account, having purchased the interests of the other heirs. He is thoroughly familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for crops and annually reaps golden harvests which return to him a gratifying income.

In 1885 Mr Dalton was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Meade, a native of Eden, this county, and a daughter of Thomas Meade. Unto them have been born three children, namely: George, who passed away at the age of two years; Jennie; and Edward.

Politically Mr. Dalton supports the democratic party where national questions and issues are involved but at local elections casts his ballot for the man or measure that he deems will best conserve the general welfare. In religious faith he is a Catholic, belonging to St. Mary's church at Eden. Both he and his wife **have spent their entire lives** in this county and are well known and highly esteemed within its borders.

ROBERT J. REVOIR.

For the past twelve years Robert J. Revoir has been engaged in business at Fond du Lac as a stone mason contractor. His birth occurred in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, on the 15th of February, 1870, his parents being Robert and Margaret (Graigwin) Revoir. The father, whose natal year was 1831, followed farming as an occupation and for many years carried mail on horseback between Green Bay and Escanaba. His wife, a native of Wisconsin, was burned to death on the 3d of April, 1909. To them were born thirteen children, five of whom are still living. Thomas S., who is a river man engaged in the lumber business, wedded Miss Susie Gremgo of Winnebago county and they have one child, Helen, who is a school teacher. Charles J., who is identified with the publication of an agricultural journal in St. Paul, Minnesota, married Miss Bridget Clary, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and has two children, Guy and Helen. Margaret is married and has four children. Her husband is a foreman in a woodenware manufacturing company. Mary gave her hand in marriage to Matt Zellner who is also a foreman in a woodenware manufacturing concern. Robert J., of this review, is the other surviving member of his father's family.

The last named attended the public schools of Fond du Lac until eighteen years of age and then became a river man, working in the lumber woods during the winter months, while in the summer seasons he was employed at the stone mason's trade. In 1900 he embarked in business as a contractor on his own account and has since remained an active representative of that branch of activity, his well directed labors having been attended with success.

On the 12th of July, 1898, at the time of the Spanish-American war, Mr. Revoir enlisted in Company A, Fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, from which he was discharged on the 29th of January, 1899, at his own request. In politics he is an independent republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Mr. Revoir has made good use of his opportunities. He has prospered from year to year and has conducted all business matters carefully and successfully, and in all his acts displays an aptitude for successful management.

ALVIN CHARLES BUSLAFF.

Alvin Charles Buslaff, who engages in the general mercantile business in Osceola township, is a native of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred on the 11th of June, 1868. His father, Frederick Buslaff, was born in Germany, on January 27, 1832, and there he began to learn the miller's trade. In 1848, together with his brother Ludwig he emigrated to the United States, their destination being Wisconsin. He first located in Mayville, this state, where he served out an apprenticeship to his trade. From there he came to this county and for eight years thereafter was employed in the McCarthy flour mill, located three miles east of Fond du Lac. During that time he established a home by his marriage to Miss Caroline Rahling, the event being celebrated in 1858. She was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Lubeka) Rahling, who came to Wisconsin in 1855. They first located in Empire, where they resided for many years, but were living in Osceola township at the time of their death. In 1864, Mr. Buslaff bought eighty acres of unbroken land in Osceola township and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He made the necessary improvements and cleared his land of brush and timber and placed part of it under cultivation, but the drudgery involved in farm labor proved to be too much of a strain on his health, so he sold his place and resumed his trade. He again became identified with the McCarthy mill, going from there to Boltonville and some seven or eight years later he bought a mill at Waucousta, where he had previously been employed. It was operated by water power and the dam caused the river to overflow the farming lands in that region, thus involving Mr. Buslaff in litigations, which were in the courts for fifteen years. Despite the difficulties he encountered, he continued his business, and for thirty-five years was actively engaged in the operation of this mill. He passed away in January, 1901, at the age of sixty-nine years. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Buslaff, our subject being the fifth in order of birth. The other members of the family are as follows: William, who died at the age of two years; Louis; Hattie; Dora; Frederick; and Caroline.

Reared at home and educated in the common schools, the early years in the life of Alvin Charles Buslaff were passed in very much the same manner as those of other lads living in the rural sections at that time. After leaving school he assisted his father with the operation of the mill until he was twenty-one, and then started out to make his own way in the world. He first went to Fond du Lac and identified himself with mercantile pursuits, remaining there for about one and a half years. He next went to New Cassel, this county, to clerk in Pool's general mercantile store. Seven years later he severed his connection with this enterprise and located at Eden, where he occupied a similar position for five years. Feeling at the expiration of that period that he was in every way qualified to establish a business of his own he came to Osceola township, erected a building at Waucousta and put in a stock of general merchandise. He established his business in 1906 and three years later he had the misfortune to have his building entirely destroyed by fire. He resumed activities at the earliest

possible date, subsequently erecting the store he is now occupying, which is located on his original building site. Mr. Buslaff's long years of experience as a clerk well qualified him for his present duties, as is evidenced by the capable manner in which he conducts his business. He carries a large assortment of general merchandise in the selection of which he exercises good judgment, his various lines being well adapted to the needs and circumstances of his patrons. His wares are truthfully represented, his terms reasonable and his treatment of customers most courteous and considerate, it being his effort to satisfy his patrons if possible. His policy is such that he has won the confidence of the people and now has a well established trade. He derives a good income from his business, owns his residence, which he has recently remodeled, and is numbered among the prosperous citizens of his community.

Mr. Buslaff was married in 1901 to Miss Mary Audler, a native of Auburn and a daughter of Charles and Anne Audler, and to them have been born five children: Marie, John Alvin, Alice, Florence May, and Arthur Charles.

In matters of religious faith Mr. Buslaff is a Baptist while Mrs. Buslaff was reared a Lutheran. He has never actively participated in local politics, although he is not remiss in matters of citizenship, but on the contrary is interested in every movement that affects the welfare of the community.

REV. JAMES B. McFARLAND.

If it is true that, "Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to others through us is the measure of our success," then indeed has the Rev. James B. McFarland lived his life to good purpose and success in its truest sense is his. Father McFarland was born in Massachusetts, in 1852, of Irish parentage. The family home was established in Wisconsin by his parents in 1856. He received his education at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee and after preparing for the ministry, to which he had determined to devote his life, he accepted a charge at Cedarburg, over which he presided during the years 1875 and 1876. In the latter year he went to Elba, Dodge county, and subsequently followed his calling at St. Rosa, Racine, Wisconsin. In 1895 he was called to Eden to succeed Father Johnson as pastor of St. Mary's and St. James' churches and this parish has since continued to be the field of his earnest labors. He has been zealous and unremitting in his efforts to raise the standard of morality in the community and his teachings have taken deep root in the hearts of many who have heard him, bearing rich fruit in better lives and higher ideals. He is greatly beloved among his parishioners and his upright life and beneficent work have been inspiring influences not only to the members of his own church but to many others who have come to know him.

WILLIAM PINNOW.

William Pinnow is now engaged in the scientific cultivation of seventy acres of rich Byron township land, and has been very successful in his chosen field of endeavor. He was born in Germany, October 9, 1867, and is a son of August B. and Bertha (Spellslosher) Pinnow, both of whom were born in that country. August B. Pinnow crossed the Atlantic to America in 1884 and settled in the township of Byron on May 26 of that year. He spent four years working in a quarry in that section and bought eighty acres of farm land in 1888. When his wife died two years later he sold his holdings in Byron township and removed to Wood county where he still lives in the eighty-third year of his age. He

and his wife were the parents of ten children, three of whom are now deceased. Those still living are, Anna, Matilda, Lizzie, William, Otto, Emma and George.

William Pinnow was educated in the excellent schools of his native country which he attended to the age of fourteen. He then laid aside his text-books to take up the study of the cooper trade and at this he worked for two years. When the family came to America and settled in Byron township he worked with his father in the quarries of that section and continued to engage in this occupation for fourteen years. He saved his money with thorough German thrift and in 1895 was able to buy seventy acres of the finest farm land in the district and he has since been engaged in the cultivation of his holdings. He has been extremely successful and his farm is conducted according to up-to-date methods. He is constantly improving his barns and outbuildings and is the owner of a fine herd of graded cattle. His prosperity is increasing year by year and his work has done much to make agriculture a progressive science.

On June 14, 1894, Mr. Pinnow was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Aelke, a daughter of Carl and Kathryne Aelke. Her father was a native of Germany and followed the occupation of a shepherd in his native country. Mr. and Mrs. Pinnow are the parents of five children, Herbert, Irving, Emma, Erna, and Martha.

In his political views Mr. Pinnow keeps himself entirely independent of party lines. He is a liberal and broad-minded man and prefers to think for himself upon national and local issues. He is always interested in any movement which looks toward the improvement of his native district and has served with much ability as road supervisor for three years. He is a member of the Lutheran church in which faith he was reared. His farm is one of the most progressive properties in Byron township and its development is due entirely to Mr. Pinnow's unremitting and careful efforts.

HENRY GRAHL.

Henry Grahl has been successfully engaged in the lumber business at Eden for the past twelve years and is one of the respected and substantial citizens of Fond du Lac county. His birth occurred in Berlin, Germany, on the 30th of October, 1864, his parents being Henry and Wilhelmina (Bonikel) Grahl, the former likewise a native of Berlin. It was in 1870 that Henry Grahl, Sr., emigrated to the United States with his wife and three sons, namely: August, who is deceased; Henry, of this review; and Ernest. The family home was established in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The father had worked as a cabinet-maker in Germany and after coming to this country was employed as foreman in the Mihls sash and door factory of Fond du Lac for five or six years. Subsequently he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in the northeastern part of Eden township, all of this land being covered with timber. With the assistance of his sons he cleared the property of its timber and devoted his attention to its cultivation until he put aside the active work of the fields and went to live with his son Paul. Two sons, Paul and William, had been added to the family in Fond du Lac, while Julius and Annie were born on the home farm in Eden township. Henry Grahl, Sr., passed away in March, 1909, two weeks after his golden wedding, at the age of seventy-three years. His widow survives and makes her home with her son Paul, being now sixty-eight years of age.

Henry Grahl, who was a lad of six years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, obtained his early education in the public schools of Fond du Lac. He was a youth of twelve when his parents established their home on the farm in Eden township and assisted his father and brothers in its operation until eighteen years of age. During the following five

years he spent the winters at work in the pine woods of Wisconsin, and under the direction of his father, who was a building contractor, he also gained a good knowledge of the building business. He then started out as a contractor on his own account and his success in that connection is indicated by the fact that he erected nearly all the buildings in the village of Eden. In 1900 he embarked in the lumber business at Eden on a small scale but the enterprise has since grown to extensive and gratifying proportions under his able direction. The success which he now enjoys is the reward of constant application to business and careful economy. He has ever commanded the respect and esteem of those in his service and has not tolerated the incompetent or idle workman. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense, guided by resistless will power, are the chief characteristics of the man. He is regarded as a representative and enterprising business man and wherever known is held in the highest esteem.

In 1891 Mr. Grahl was united in marriage to Miss Ida C. Sieloff, who was born in Germany and was brought to this country when still but a baby by her parents, August and Mary Sieloff. Our subject and his wife have seven children, namely: Wilhelmina, Albert, Dorothy, Alice, Herbert, Lawrence and Henry. It was in 1911 that Mr. Grahl erected the handsome modern residence at Eden in which the family now resides.

Mr. Grahl supports the republican party when national questions and issues are at stake but at local elections casts an independent ballot. For a period of five years he ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in the capacity of supervisor. He is one of the liberal supporters of the Evangelical church to which his wife belongs. At all times his life has been active, useful and honorable and it is his genuine personal worth that has gained for him the favorable position which he occupies in the regard of those who know him.

TIMOTHY MAGHER.

Timothy Magher is engaged in the cultivation of two hundred acres of land in Empire township and is one of the progressive agriculturists of that district. He was identified with railroad interests in Fond du Lac for many years and is well known for his able work in this capacity. He was born in Ireland in 1844 and is a son of John and Mary (Burke) Magher, both natives of the Emerald isle. The family lived in their native country until their son Timothy was eighteen years of age. In 1862 they crossed the Atlantic to America and landed in New York city, where they remained for three and one-half years. During their residence there Timothy Magher worked in the employ of the United States government at the New York arsenal. He was at this time the sole support of his father and mother, who were in feeble health and required constant care. Mr. Magher performed his filial duty willingly and eagerly, and his cheerfulness and gentleness with his aged parents are the evidence of his honorable and worthy character. In New York state he married and immediately came to Wisconsin, settling in the city of Fond du Lac. He accepted a position in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company and was in various positions identified with this corporation for fourteen years. He has now entirely abandoned his work along this line but the reputation which he made for efficiency, alertness of mind and systematic industry still remains. During the period of his residence in Fond du Lac he invested his savings in Empire township land, being actuated by a firm belief in the agricultural future of the state of Wisconsin. When he severed his connection with the Northwestern Railroad Company he moved upon his farm and has since

resided in Empire township and cultivated the soil. He has made extensive improvements upon his property and added to his holdings at various times. His farm comprises two hundred acres and is one of the highly improved properties in the district. In 1907 Mr. Magher erected a handsome home completely modern in every detail in which he and his family are now residing. At the same time he erected a number of new barns and outbuildings equipped with all the most modern farm machinery and these improvements made his property one of the model farms of Fond du Lac county.

In 1864 Mr. Magher was united in marriage in New York state to Miss Honora Normal and to this union were born two children: William, who died when he was ten years of age; and David, who is living with his father on the home farm. Mrs. Magher died in 1885 and in 1889 Mr. Magher was again married, his second union being with Miss Maggie Finnegan, a daughter of Thomas Finnegan, one of the pioneer settlers of the state of Wisconsin. By his second marriage Mr. Magher is the father of one son, Frank, who was graduated from the State Normal School at Oshkosh.

Politically Mr. Magher gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has served his district as school director for many years. He belongs to St. Mary's Catholic church of Eden and is a regular attendant at its services. He is a quiet and unassuming gentleman, fond of his home and keenly interested in the public welfare. He proves his public spirit by his private life and in his agricultural career has been an influencing factor in the development of the resources of Wisconsin.

GEORGE STRONG.

George Strong is the proprietor of one of Fond du Lac's popular cafes and restaurants located at No. 13 Forest avenue. He was born in the town of Empire, January 1st, 1866, and is a son of Stephen and Margaret (Kreamer) Strong. His father is a native of New York, his birth having occurred in Washington county, that state. His mother was a native of Germany who with her parents emigrated to America when she was a child of but eight years of age. Stephen Strong was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Kreamer in 1854. For a livelihood he followed the business of farming and in that business was very successful. For the past twenty-five years he has lived a retired life. To Mr. and Mrs. Strong four children were born: Ellen, who married Charles Williams, a retired farmer, by whom she has one child, Richard; Jennie, who died May 30, 1882, at the age of twelve; George, the subject of this review; and Anna, who married Harry Cantzler, a prosperous farmer of Fond du Lac county, by whom she has four children, Lizzie, William, Martin and Raymond. Mr. and Mrs. Strong celebrated their golden wedding in the year 1904 and two years later the mother of this family passed out of this life.

George Strong was educated in the public schools at Empire and after completing his elementary education was engaged in work on his father's farm until he was twenty years of age. He left the parental roof at the age of twenty and started in life for himself as a lumberman in the Wisconsin forests. To that business he continued to devote his entire time for a period of four years, after which he removed to Minnesota, where he remained for one year, and at the expiration of that time he moved to Fond du Lac, where he opened a first-class cafe, to which he has since given his constant attention. He started in the cafe business in 1893 and has been very successful in his undertaking in that particular line of business. His establishment is located at No. 13 Forest avenue.

Mr. Strong was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bassett, of Fond du Lac. To them two children have been born, Gladys and Stephen. Mr. Strong is affiliated with the republican party and he and his wife are both members of

the Catholic church. He is one of Fond du Lac's enterprising citizens and is known among his friends and the public as a man of integrity, and prompt and reliable in all his business transactions.

CARL KRUEGER.

Carl Krueger is a farmer whose efficiency in the details of agriculture has been an important asset in the development of his district. He owns and operates one hundred and fifteen acres of improved and developed land in Ashford township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and the present importance of his enterprise is entirely the result of his practical care and supervision. Mr. Krueger was born in Germany in 1870 and is a son of Fred and Augusta (Bietz) Krueger. His parents came to America in 1882 and settled first in Lamar, where the father remained for a number of years, and here the mother died in 1910. To their union were born four children: Carl, the subject of this sketch; Otto, who still lives on the old homestead; August, who lives near Oakfield; and Henry, who also makes his home in this state.

Carl Krueger was educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac county and has been identified with agriculture during all his life. His early years were spent in helping his father in the work of the farm and for eighteen years he has owned his present tract of land. He acquired his property by purchase and it was at that time entirely unimproved. He immediately began to break the soil and fence the fields and in the course of time the ten acres which he cleared of timber were bringing a good return for the care and labor bestowed upon the fields. He erected good buildings and worked earnestly and persistently to make his farm productive. This he has succeeded in doing and is now classed among the representative agriculturists of his section.

Mr. Krueger wedded Miss Eliza Arndt, a native of Germany, who came to America before her marriage. To their union were born seven children: Reinholdt, aged eighteen years; William, seventeen; Freddie, twelve, Esther, nine; Leona, five; and Ella and Zelma, twins who are three years of age. Mr. Krueger is independent of political lines and party, and always votes according to his personal convictions. He has never sought public office although he is intelligently interested in the affairs of his district. He belongs to the Lutheran church, holding membership in Lamar. His agriculture is practical and productive and he has made a steady advance toward prosperity. His success is now attained and has come to him as a natural result of his thorough efficiency.

W. H. ENGLEBRIGHT.

By competent management and unfaltering industry W. H. Englebright is winning success as proprietor of the Hotel Englebright. For a number of years he has been connected with hotel interests and his study of the needs and wishes of the public as regards hotel service has been an important factor in the attainment of his present position in the hotel business. He was born in England, January 16, 1857, his parents being William and Martha (Eaton) Englebright. In 1873 he came to America, having previously acquired a fair education in the public schools of his native country. He located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he clerked for a number of years. In 1890 he turned his attention to the hotel business, purchasing the Tremont hotel, which he conducted successfully until 1901. In 1900 he purchased the old Wood's hotel, taking possession on

the 1st of July of that year. In 1901 he established his residence in Ripon and became the active manager of the hotel with which he is now connected, controlling a hostelry which in its equipment and service ranks favorably with any in this part of the state. The hotel was opened by Mr. Wood in 1872 and was conducted under the name of Wood's hotel until 1896. The original owner sold it to his brother, William Wood, who was successful in its management for some time. The next owner was Frank Grove, who disposed of his holdings to Mr. Clute, from whom W. H. Englebright purchased the hotel in 1900. Since personally assuming its direction he has made many improvements, developing a hotel that would be a credit to a city of much larger size. He remodeled the building entirely and when all alterations were completed furnished it comfortably and tastefully. The hotel contains thirty-five rooms, steam-heated and well lighted. It is conducted on the European plan and the enterprising business methods of the owner and his reliable dealings commend him to the confidence of the traveling public. There is a large, well lighted dining room, the cuisine is excellent, and among other features of the place are an up-to-date bar and a modern and sanitary barber shop. Aside from his management of the hotel Mr. Englebright has consummated some profitable real-estate transactions. It was he who sold the site upon which the Masonic Temple now stands and also the ground upon which the plant of the Ripon Produce Company is located.

At Oshkosh, in 1885, Mr. Englebright was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Carpenter, who passed away in July, 1907. In December, 1908, he wedded Miss Evelyn Minors, of Oshkosh, and to them a daughter, Mary, was born, on the 5th of May, 1911. Politically Mr. Englebright is a republican, consistent in his support of the party principles yet never seeking office. He belongs to the Episcopal church. Fraternally he is a prominent Mason with membership in Ripon Lodge, No. 95, F & A. M.; Ripon Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M.; Berlin Commandery, No. 10, K. T.; and Wisconsin Consistory and Tripoli Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. He has achieved an enviable degree of success as a hotel proprietor, owing to progressive methods and a consistent policy of expansion. It has been said that there is no better criterion of the condition of a town than its hotels, and the well appointed and well managed hostelry is an indication of an enterprising, progressive city. Judged by the Englebright hotel, the standard of Ripon is therefore easily determined.

JAMES H. O'BRIEN.

James H. O'Brien, operating a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Eden township, is well entitled to recognition among the enterprising and substantial young agriculturists of this county. His birth occurred in Osceola, Wisconsin, on the 11th of February, 1886, his parents being James and Mary (Moriarty) O'Brien, who were natives of New Hampshire and Vermont respectively. His paternal grandparents were John and Mary O'Brien, the former being a native of County Clare, Ireland. In 1849, when their son James was but two years of age, they came to Wisconsin, John O'Brien taking up a tract of government land that was heavily covered with timber. After clearing the property he erected a shanty and took up his abode therein. That farm has remained his home to the present time or for more than six decades.

In early manhood James O'Brien, Sr., wedded Miss Mary Moriarty, who came to this state with her parents in 1850. When twenty-six years of age he purchased a farm of eighty acres in Osceola, where the birth of his son James occurred. In 1887 he sold that property and bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Eden township, which he greatly improved and on which

he spent the remainder of his life. When he passed away, on the 11th of December, 1896, the community mourned the loss of one of its most respected and substantial citizens. He served as clerk of the school district for several years and was ever a staunch champion of the cause of education. Unto him and his wife were born four children, as follows: Michael F., John, Mary and James H.

James H. O'Brien, whose name introduces this review, was reared to manhood on the home farm in Eden township and since his father's death has operated the same. His mother still survives and makes her home with him. His labors as an agriculturist have been attended with success, for he is thoroughly familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for crops.

Mr. O'Brien gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served in the capacity of supervisor for the past two years. In religious faith he is a Catholic, belonging to St. Mary's church. Practically his entire life has been spent in Fond du Lac county and he has many friends here.

JOHN MURTHA.

John Murtha, who has been operating a blacksmith shop in Ripon for twenty-seven years, is one of Fond du Lac county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Friendship township in 1856. His parents, Patrick and Bridget (Crawley) Murtha, were natives of Ireland, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1850, coming direct to Fond du Lac county. The father, who was a farmer, first bought land in Friendship township, but later he located in Eldorado township, subsequently returning from there to Friendship, where he resided until his death in 1880. The mother is also deceased. To them were born five sons, two of whom are deceased, and of those living our subject is the only one in this county, his brothers being residents of Marinette, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Murtha were communicants of the Roman Catholic church and held membership in St. Patrick's parish.

After leaving school John Murtha learned the blacksmith's trade under a Mr. Richeson of Fond du Lac. He subsequently came to Ripon, becoming identified with one of the shops here about 1877, but he later returned to Fond du Lac for a brief period. In 1885, he came back to Ripon and purchased the blacksmith shop he has ever since been operating. He is a skillful workman, efficient and reliable and has made a success of his business.

In Ripon in 1879, Mr. Murtha was married to Miss Catherine Duffy, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Duffy, and to them have been born seven children: James, who is a resident of Fond du Lac; Margaret; Mary, who became the wife of George Kliner; John, who is deceased; Thomas; one who died in infancy; and Maggie, the wife of Wyman Towne.

The family all hold membership in the Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Murtha is affiliated with the Catholic Knights. He is a man of genial, affable nature, by means of which he has won many friends, who accord him the respect he justly merits by reason of his active, diligent life.

GEORGE H. STANCHFIELD.

George H. Stanchfield has for the past six years been engaged in municipal work as a contractor of Fond du Lac and has won a creditable measure of success in this connection. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Fond du Lac. His birth occurred here on the 3d of July, 1868. His parents are Samuel B. and Ophila (Edgerton) Stanchfield, the former a native of Leeds Center, Maine,

and the latter of Rome, New York. Samuel B. Stanchfield, whose natal day was March 17, 1836, came to Wisconsin in 1854, and purchased a farm of eighty acres. He has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns a tract of two hundred and twenty-eight acres in the city of Fond du Lac and is one of the esteemed and substantial citizens of the community in which he has so long resided. He has been a prominent figure in public affairs, having served as state senator for two terms and for several years as chairman of the board of supervisors, of which he was a member for a long period. To Samuel B., and Ophila (Edgerton) Stanchfield, the latter of whom came to this county in 1847, were born three children. Samuel G. married Miss Gertrude Bartlett, of Fond du Lac, by whom he has three children, Charles S., Mabel G. and Gancello B. Bartley K., who is a mechanical engineer wedded Miss Olga Wilke of Fond du Lac and has one son, Charles B. George H. is the subject of this review.

George H. Stanchfield attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and completed the high-school course in 1888. Subsequently he entered the University of Wisconsin at Madison, from which institution he was graduated in 1892 with the degree of Civil Engineer. He then devoted his attention to farming in association with his father for two years and at the expiration of that period became city engineer of Fond du Lac, serving in that capacity for two years. During the following seven years he served as city engineer of Watertown and then returned to Fond du Lac, here again acting as city engineer for a period of two years. Following his retirement from that office, in 1906, he turned his attention to contracting and has since devoted his time principally to municipal improvements.

In 1893 Mr. Stanchfield was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Park, of Madison, and to them have been born four children, Madelyn E., Eleanor J., Georgia O. and Allan G. Mr. Stanchfield gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is Presbyterian in religious faith. He is a member of the Twilight Club and fraternally is identified with the Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

HENRY L. CLAPP.

Henry L. Clapp is conducting a large market gardening and floral business in Ripon, Wisconsin, and his activities in this line of work make him a prominent force in commercial circles. He was born on November 12, 1854, in Westfield, Massachusetts, and is a son of V. P. and Almira H. (Root) Clapp. Their marriage occurred in Westfield, Massachusetts, where they remained until 1858. In that year they came to Wisconsin, locating in Alto township, where the father successfully farmed for five years. He later located for one year at Fox Lake before coming to Ripon where he bought land two miles east of the city, and improved and developed it. In 1881 he moved into the town and established himself in the market gardening business. He gained a great degree of prosperity in this line of activity and continued in it until his death. His wife has also passed away, her death occurring in April, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Clapp were the parents of five children: Henry L.; Charles, who is now deceased; Francis A., a resident of Ripon; Fannie who died in infancy; and Hattie J., who passed away when she was twenty-one years of age. The elder Mr. Clapp was well known in political circles of Ripon as a stanch republican and as a man keenly interested in the future progress of the city in which he lived. He belonged to the Congregational church.

Henry L. Clapp received his education in the public schools of Ripon township, Wisconsin, and later attended Ripon College. He made wise use of his opportunities along this line and by constant study and wide reading fitted himself for

teaching, which occupation he followed for four winters. In 1885 he went back upon his father's farm in Ripon township and was successfully engaged in agriculture for eight years. In 1893 he located in Ripon and established himself in the gardening and greenhouse business with which he has been identified ever since. He built his present plant in 1895, and added to it in 1909. He has now the only floral establishment in the city of Ripon and is carrying on his business along honorable and worthy commercial principles.

On September 13, 1881, Mr. Clapp was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia E. Morse, a daughter of C. A. and Elizabeth (Abbott) Morse. Mrs. Clapp's father was born in 1828 and lived in Concord, New Hampshire, until he went to Waupaca county, Wisconsin, in the fall of 1868. He followed farming with much success and was a prosperous and representative agriculturist. His family came originally from England and has been prominent in American affairs for some time. Mrs. Clapp's father was a cousin of Mr. Morse, the great inventor of the present day telegraph code. The wife of our subject is one of six children, the others being: Helen B., who is Mrs. Chadwick, of Boston, Massachusetts; Joseph E., who resides in Pennacook, New Hampshire; Alfred C., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mary Colby of New Hampshire; and Anna, who passed away when she was two years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Clapp has been born one child, Florence Elizabeth, whose natal day was January 22, 1883, and who married Mr. Hillsberg of Ripon, by whom she has two children, Helen and Carroll, aged seven and five years respectively. Mrs. Hillsberg and children are now residents of New Hampshire.

In his political affiliations Mr. Clapp is a republican and has always voted the party ticket. He takes an intelligent interest in educational affairs, and as school commissioner for nine years did active and constructive work. He affiliates with the Congregational church. A growing and prosperous business enterprise of any kind is a useful and valuable addition to a community, and Mr. Clapp has become well known in Ripon as the owner of one of the largest greenhouses in the county and a large gardening concern. His plant affords him capacity for carrying on a valuable and useful enterprise. He has won his success by intelligent effort along honorable and worthy lines and has come to his present state of prosperity through hard work, good management and continuous diligence.

AUGUST NAST.

August Nast is a successful representative of business interests in Fond du Lac county as the secretary and treasurer of the Nast Brothers Lime & Stone Company of Eden, which was incorporated under that name in 1904. His birth occurred in Germany on the 25th of February, 1854, his parents being William and Wilhelmina (Bucholtz) Nast. The father, a shepherd in Germany, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1862, being accompanied on the voyage by his wife and five children, namely: William; Amelia; August, of this review; Louise, who is deceased; and Herman. They made their way direct to the village of Fond du Lac in this county, William Nast working in sawmills for one year. On the expiration of that period he purchased land in the town of Eden, there residing until called to his final rest, in 1883, at the age of fifty-nine years. He opened up the large quarry now operated by his sons and met with gratifying success in his undertakings in this connection. His wife passed away in 1907, when eighty-four years of age. One daughter, Anna, was born unto them in Fond du Lac.

August Nast began his education in the fatherland and continued his studies in the district schools of the home locality in Fond du Lac county. As a young man he assisted in the operation of the home farm. In 1871 his father opened

up the stone quarry on the farm and made lime and sold stone for building purposes. In 1880 he opened the large quarry now operated by August and William Nast under the name of the Nast Brothers Lime & Stone Company, which was incorporated in 1904. In 1880 switches were put into the quarry and the company began making carload shipments to Illinois and throughout Wisconsin. The concern is capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars and its officers are as follows: William Nast, president; George Nast, vice president; and August Nast, secretary and treasurer. The Nast brothers also have plants at Kewaunee and Knowles and have conducted their enterprise in a manner that has insured its steady growth and continued success. August Nast is also interested in the Mammoth Springs Cheese & Butter Company; the Greenleaf Stone Company, of Greenleaf, Wisconsin; and the Empire Lime & Stone Company, of Quarry, this state. The Nast brothers are, moreover, heavily interested in timber lands in northern Wisconsin. August Nast has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business, his prompt and honorable methods having won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

In 1882 Mr. Nast was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Baumhardt, a daughter of George Baumhardt. Unto them have been born six children, namely: George; Renato, who died in infancy; Lucy; Vincent F.; Nahla; and Katherine. The family reside in a modern home in the village of Marblehead.

Mr. Nast gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his fealty. His religious faith is that of the Evangelical church. The period of his residence in this county covers a half century and the circle of his friends and acquaintances is an extensive one. He is a man of marked strength of character, genial disposition and genuine worth, and has the unqualified respect and good-will of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM J. WALDSCHMIDT, M. D.

Dr. Waldschmidt has been in the successful practice of his profession in the city of Fond du Lac since 1905. He was born in the town of Taycheedah, November 4, 1878, and is a son of Henry and Kunigunda (Kreamer) Waldschmidt. The father was born in the town of Forest, February 7, 1855, and passed away on September 28, 1908, in Fond du Lac county. The mother is a native of Wisconsin, her birth having occurred in the town of Marshfield on February 11, 1857. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waldschmidt eight children were born. William J. is the subject of this review. Harriet is the wife of Oswald Britengress who is auditor for the Western Weighing Association, and they have one child, Fremont. Otto, a machinist and wheelwright who lives in Fond du Lac, is married to Bertha Wentslaff. Landra married Miss Louise Pickett, and they reside on the old homestead, where he engages in farming. They have three children: Elmer, Henry and Clarence. Edith, Kathryn, Reuben and Mata are at home and the latter two attend high school in Fond du Lac.

Dr. Waldschmidt received his early education in the public schools at Empire and completed his course in the high school at Fond du Lac. After pursuing the necessary preliminary studies he entered the medical department of Northwestern University at Chicago, Illinois, where he completed the course in the science of medicine and surgery and graduated with honors in 1905 with the degree of M. D. Immediately following his graduation he located in Fond du Lac where he has since been engaged in the successful practice of his profession.

Dr. Waldschmidt was married in 1908 to Miss Lena Rueping of Fond du Lac, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rueping. Dr. Waldschmidt is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Modern

Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the Fraternal Brotherhood of California and of the Royal Neighbors. He is affiliated with the republican party.

Dr. Waldschmidt is one of the progressive and successful physicians of Fond du Lac where he has established a reputation as a careful, conscientious and thoroughly accomplished worker in his profession.

GEORGE I. MIDDLETON.

George I. Middleton has been prominently connected with the wool business in Ripon, Wisconsin, for over thirty years and has a record of twenty-five years of continuous activity in the lumber and fuel line. He was born April 3, 1856, and is a native of Andover, Massachusetts. His parents were James and Jane Middleton, both of whom are of Scotch birth and ancestry. They left their native country for America in 1846 and spent the remainder of their lives in Massachusetts. Mr. Middleton's father was identified for many years with a thread mill, as superintendent of a large concern in this line of trade in Andover. He died when he was seventy-seven years of age and his wife passed away when in her seventy-fourth year. They had four children: Margaret, who resides in Jamaica, New York; James, who makes his home in Hyde Park, Massachusetts; George I., of this review; and Jean, who also lives in Jamaica.

George I. Middleton was reared at home and attended the public schools of Andover. He supplemented this by a course in high school and pursued the usual studies until he was eighteen years of age. In that year he laid aside his textbooks in order to learn the wool business. He spent about seven years in Boston engaged in this line of activity but finally located in Ripon in 1880. From that year until 1910 he was prominent and prosperous in the business which he had learned in his childhood. He has a record of thirty years of continuous activity in this line and his business methods have always been based upon high standards of commercial honor. In 1886, in partnership with G. F. Horner he engaged, aside from the wool business, in a lumber and fuel enterprise. This association had an uninterrupted existence for twenty-five years and was one of the principal sources of Mr. Middleton's income. In 1911 Mr. Horner retired and the business is now conducted by Mr. Middleton alone. He does an increasingly successful trade in all kinds of building materials and his fuel department is an important branch of his enterprise.

On May 1, 1884, Mr. Middleton was united in marriage to Miss Carrie L. Eggleston, a daughter of Major Henry S. and Elizabeth A. (Washburn) Eggleston. The father earned distinction in the Civil war and served in the Federal army with the rank of major. He died in 1862, when he was forty-two years of age. He was the father of three children: Carrie, the wife of our subject; Mary E., now Mrs. Marshall, of Ripon; and Myra E., now Mrs. Smith, a resident of the same city. To Mr. and Mrs. Middleton have been born three children: Helen M., born April 1, 1887, a graduate of Grafton Hall, of Fond du Lac, who pursued a special course in library work at the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; James A., born June 11, 1889, who is associated with his father in business; and George I., born November 27, 1892, who is attending the State University of Wisconsin at Madison, where he is specializing in scientific agriculture.

In his political affiliations Mr. Middleton is a democrat but has never been an office seeker. He is a judicious and discriminating man, interested in the commercial expansion of the city in which he resides. He is a director in the local telephone company and active in many other lines of municipal development. Mr. Middleton's career has been quietly but continuously successful. He is energetic, straightforward and strictly honest, and these qualities are the basis

of sure prosperity. He is well known as a man whose cooperation can be counted upon in any judicious enterprise and in the quarter of a century of identification with the line of activity in which he is engaged, he has become representative in Ripon of energy and progress.

GEORGE TRELEVEN.

George Treleven, one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Fond du Lac county, owns and operates a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 6, Eden township. Here he has resided from his birth to the present time, his natal day being November 18, 1861. His father, Thomas Treleven, who was born in England in October, 1816, emigrated to the United States in 1834, when a young man of eighteen, making the voyage in company with his mother, three brothers—John, Joseph and Daniel—and two sisters—Mrs. Elizabeth Tanner and Mrs. Anne Balsam, both of whom are now deceased. Michael, the oldest son of the family, always remained in the mother country. It was subsequent to the death of the paternal grandfather of our subject that his widow and children crossed the Atlantic to America. They took up their abode in Poughkeepsie, New York, and worked for the Vassars (founders of the college of that name) for eight years. On the expiration of that period they came to Wisconsin, John Treleven having already established his residence in Empire township, Fond du Lac county. Thomas Treleven there joined his brother John and in the winter of 1842 worked for Frank Moore in Taycheedah township. He operated a farm in association with his brother John for one or two years and then took up the quarter section of land which is now in possession of his son George, the tract being heavily covered with timber. The small frame house which he erected remained the family home for some time. In 1854 Daniel Treleven, Thomas Treleven and Squire Newton built the Eden Flouring Mills, conducting the same for about fifteen years, at the end of which time they sold out. In 1855 Thomas Treleven married Miss Elizabeth Bradley, who was a native of England and in 1848 emigrated to the United States with her parents, Samuel and Anne Bradley, who established their home in Winnebago county, Wisconsin. Daniel, Joseph and Thomas Treleven first introduced a horse-power threshing machine in this county, hauling it through by team from Elgin, Illinois, in the early '50s and running the outfit for several years. In his later years Thomas Treleven devoted his attention exclusively to general agricultural pursuits. When his first house was destroyed by fire he erected the modern residence which now stands upon the farm and also built substantial barns. After a residence of almost a half century in this county he was called to his final rest, passing away on the 6th of April, 1891. His wife, whose natal year was 1830, died on the 2d of April, 1905. Thomas Treleven held a number of town and school offices and took an active and prominent part in public affairs of his community, being widely recognized as a leading and progressive citizen. Unto him and his wife were born two sons, namely: Melvin, whose birth occurred on the 8th of October, 1856, and who is a traveling salesman; and George, of this review.

The latter attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and has always remained on the home farm, assisting in the work of the fields as soon as his age and strength permitted. At the time of his father's demise he purchased the interest of his brother in the property, which has since remained in his possession and which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and improvement. He makes a close study of agriculture and through the careful cultivation of the soil and the rotation of crops gathers abundant harvests each year, thus adding to his annual income.

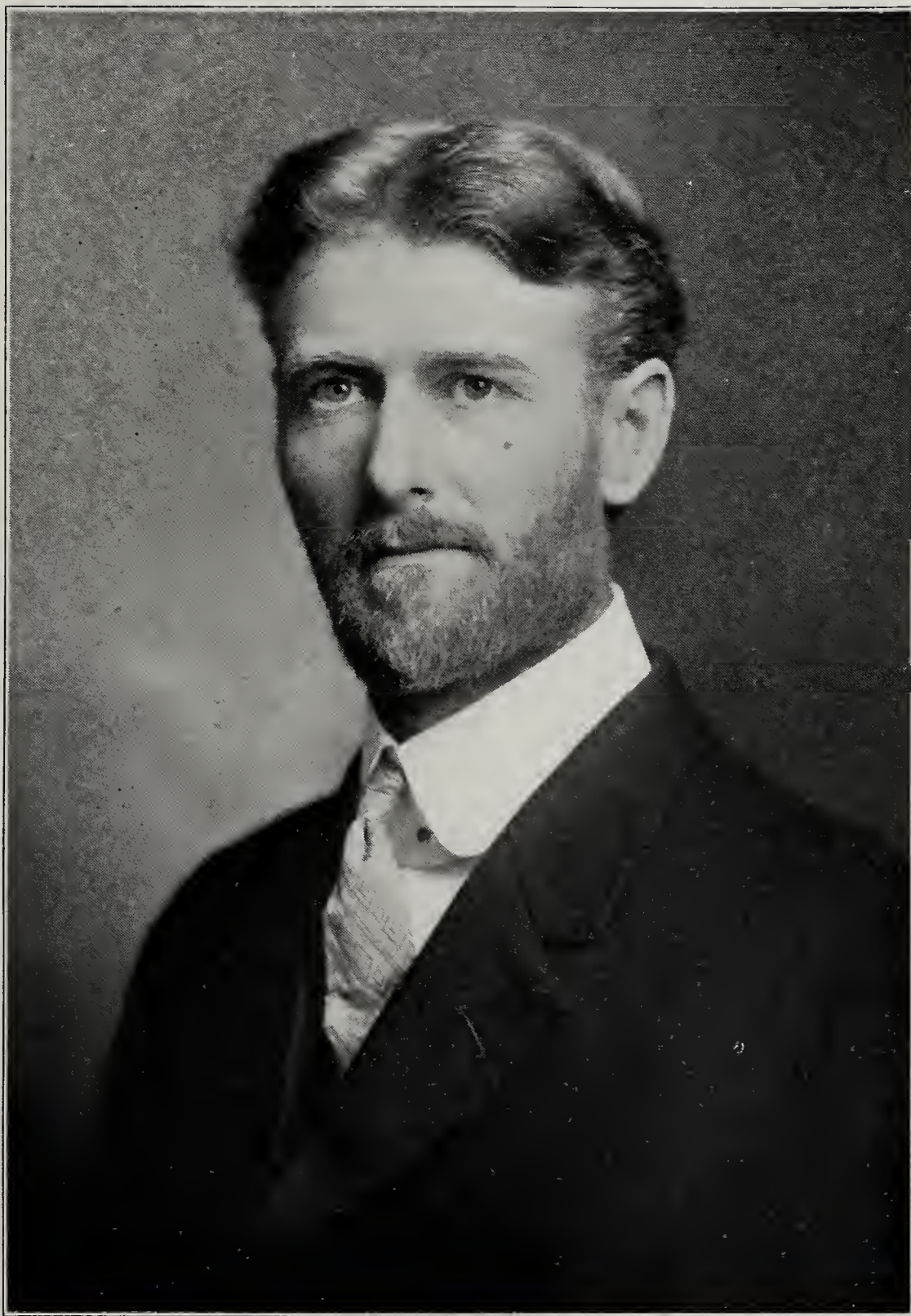
In politics Mr. Treleven is a republican where state and national questions are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot in favor of the candidate or measure that he deems will best conserve the general welfare. He has frequently refused political office but in the interests of the cause of education has served as school director for the past eighteen years. In his social and business life he is recognized as a man of genuine personal worth who has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

CHRISTIAN U. SENN, M. D.

A doctor who is intelligent, broad-minded and imbued with an instinct of humanity has many enviable opportunities of doing good in the world. If he is also public-spirited in an intelligent way his advantages in this respect are materially increased. A physician of this sort is Dr. Christian U. Senn, engaged in the general practice of medicine in Ripon. He was born December 15, 1877, in the township of Ashford, and is a son of John and Anna (Mintner) Senn, prominent residents of that section. Mr. and Mrs. John Senn were the parents of ten children: Anna, who is Mrs. August Senn and makes her home in South Dakota; John, who died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the age of forty-two years; Katie, who married William Miller and is living in Minnesota; Edward, a resident of Campbellsport, Wisconsin; Libbie, now Mrs. Weiting, of Ripon; Peter, who resides in Campbellsport, Wisconsin; Christian, the subject of this sketch; William also a resident of Campbellsport; Ulrich, now a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Milwaukee; and Henry, who resides in Minnesota.

Dr. C. U. Senn received his early education in the public schools of Campbellsport and later went to Charles City, Iowa, where he attended the preparatory school in connection with the Charles City College, while he also subsequently graduated from the latter institution. He received his medical degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Milwaukee in 1906, and immediately thereafter went to the Chicago Polyclinic Institute, where he took a post-graduate course in general medicine. He later attended the clinics at the Northwestern University and after spending some time in that institution went to Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, where he spent some time working in the county hospital along surgical lines. He later assisted Dr. H. P. Chambers of Florence, Wisconsin, as mining surgeon for the Iron River Mining Company and finally located at Adell, Sheboygan county, where he engaged in the general practice of medicine for some time. He removed to Ripon some time afterward and has been active in medical circles of this city ever since. He is one of the most prominent physicians of Fond du Lac county and his practice is increasing yearly. He specializes in surgery and has gained an enviable reputation for constant success along this line. Dr. Senn is responsible for the erection of the Senn Hospital and has been a dominating influence in its management during the one year of its existence. In 1911 he completed this magnificent hospital in Ripon which bears his name. It is a fitting monument to his ability, learning and specialized knowledge. It is one of the most modernly equipped institutions of its kind in the state of Wisconsin and although small it is complete in every detail. It has an operating room which is unequaled in the state for convenience and efficiency of equipment. There is a sterilizing room, X-ray equipment and other electric therapeutic appliances. It has at the present time accommodation for six people and is gaining steadily in reputation and becoming of note in medical circles of Fond du Lac county. He has given to his city an extraordinary useful gift and one which will keep his memory alive in the hearts of his fellow citizens after he has passed away.

On December 15, 1906, Dr. Senn was united in marriage to Miss Olga Arndt, a daughter of John and Minnie (Krohn) Arndt. Mr. and Mrs. Arndt were



DR. C. U. SENN

now the border to be a government commissioner. He lived near the present site of San Antonio. Marrying an heiress, he acquired large tracts of land in Texas, and was accounted a wealthy man when he was suddenly taken off in the prime of his life.

to begin to be a breadwinner. He developed into a big, sturdy, courageous man with large vision and a tremendous capacity for work. He married when he was nineteen years of age, his eldest son being just twenty years his junior. It was he



GENERAL FRANCISCO I. MADERO, WHO SUCCEEDED PORFIRIO DIAZ AS
PRESIDENT OF MEXICO IN NOVEMBER, 1911

His widow entrusted all her titles and deeds to unscrupulous lawyers, and before long she found herself facing the world with no fortune at all, and with a five-year-old boy, named Evaristo, to support.

It was fortunate, perhaps, for the boy that fate played his family such a trick. Scarcely was he in his teens when he had

who brought the Madero family into the great tide of men and big affairs.

Clearly to understand the circumstances which attended the beginnings of the Madero fortune, you must first realize that in those days Mexico was overrun with bandits—the very same “bad men” whom Diaz later converted into the police organi-



A MADERO FAMILY GROUP—THE WHITE-BEARDED VETERAN WHO SITS IN THE CENTER IS EVARISTO MADERO—ON HIS LEFT IS HIS SON FRANCISCO, FATHER OF PRESIDENT MADERO—THE OTHERS ARE MEMBERS OF EVARISTO'S FAMILY BY DESCENT OR MARRIAGE

the parents of eight children, all of whom with the exception of Mrs. Senn are residents of Milwaukee. They are Della, John, Arthur, Olga, Elsie, Ed, Alfred and Minnie. Dr. and Mrs. Senn are the parents of two children: Evelyn, born January 12, 1908; and Ethel D., whose birth occurred on May 4, 1912.

Dr. Senn is a staunch republican but beyond casting his vote for the party candidate at each election takes no other active part in politics preferring to devote his time and attention to his medical work. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to Ripon Lodge, No. 144, F. & A. M. He holds membership in various societies along professional lines and is prominently affiliated with the American Medical Association, the Wisconsin Medical Society, the Medical Society of Fond du Lac county, the American Hospital Association and the Fifteenth International Congress on Hygiene and Hemography held at Washington, D. C., in 1912.

He holds membership in the Lutheran church and is a devout adherent of that faith. His brain and energy are always at the disposal of his patients, and his hands are always outstretched to help the needy. He has used his splendid talents and his rare opportunities in a worthy and honorable manner, and in the prime of his career, can look forward to many years of activity in his chosen profession. Judging his future by his attainment in the past his life will be filled with an earnest effort to raise the standard of medical ethics in America, to promote the profession of surgery along humanitarian lines and to decrease the pain and suffering of the world.

CONRAD VENHAUS.

The farms of Fond du Lac county are an important source of its wealth and progress and the men who cultivate them are influencing the development of the state of Wisconsin. Prominent among the many enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Empire township is Conrad Venhaus, who has one hundred and sixty acres of land in that section under cultivation. He is of German descent and his parents were Christopher and Mary (Botsan) Venhaus. The father was born in Germany and came to the United States with his parents when he was three years of age. The family settled in Milwaukee and Christopher Venhaus lived in that city until his death in 1907, in the seventy-sixth year of his life. The mother of our subject was a native of New York state and came to Wisconsin with her family in 1840. She lived in this state until her death in 1869, when she was thirty-two years old.

Conrad Venhaus is one of a family of six children. His birth occurred on June 15, 1859, in a little log cabin built by the Botsan family near Milwaukee. He went to school in the latter city for a short time but after his mother's death made his home with his uncle. At the end of three years he came to Eden and worked on the farms in that district until he was twenty-nine years of age. He early learned the many details connected with the tilling of the soil and the care of crops and stock and became expert by personal experience and concentrated industry. When he was twenty-nine he rented a farm in Eden township and was active in its operation for one year. At the end of that period he bought the property and lived upon it for sixteen years, gaining during that period a representative place in agricultural circles of Eden township. In 1904 he bought his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Empire township and has since that time followed agriculture along scientifically efficient lines. About five years ago Mr. Venhaus began to breed Guernsey stock and has been very successful along that line and now has sixty head of that breed.

On December 28, 1886, Mr. Venhaus was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Baudry, a daughter of John Baudry, of the township of Eden. Mr. and Mrs.

Venhaus are the parents of one child, George, whose birth occurred on October 23, 1889, and who is now living at home with his parents. Politically Mr. Venhaus gives his allegiance in a general way to the republican party but upon local issues he prefers to keep his judgment unbiased by political lines. He always votes for the most progressive and suitable man but has never sought public office for himself. Success in agriculture is largely the result of personal intelligence and common sense. Mr. Venhaus has always planted his fields with the grains most suitable to the climate and conditions and swift success has rewarded his efforts.

ERNEST HAENTZE, SR.

Ernest Haentze, Sr., who founded the business located at 414 Linden street, conducted under the name of the Haentze Company, was one of the pioneer florists of Fond du Lac, where he is now living retired. He was born in Germany on the 17th of January, 1839, and is a son of Charles and Henrietta (Reichart) Haentze. The father, who was a public official, was in the employ of the German government for forty or fifty years. In 1852, the mother emigrated to the United States, and here she resided during the remainder of her life, her death occurring in 1888. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haentze, as follows: Guenther, who is deceased; Wilhelmina, who passed away in 1904; Anna, whose death occurred in 1906; Mrs. Clara Schmidt, who is residing in Europe; Ernest, the subject of this review; Henrietta; and Robert.

The education of Ernest Haentze, Sr., was acquired in one of the preparatory schools of his native land. After terminating his student days he began fitting himself for his vocation, and spent three years in a florist and seed establishment learning the business. At the expiration of that period he went to France, where he continued his studies as a florist for nine months, and then returned to Germany and spent eight months in a nursery in the province of Schleswig-Holstein. At the end of that time he decided to join his mother in America, so he took passage for the United States, and on the 15th of January, 1856, became a resident of Wisconsin. Later he located at Fond du Lac and engaged in business on Linden street, where he acquired eight acres of land. Having but limited capital he started in a small way, but kept enlarging his greenhouses until a large portion of the tract of land owned by the Haentze Company is under glass. Mr. Haentze has not been actively identified with the business for two years, the enterprise being under the management of his three sons, Robert, Ernest and Richard, and a daughter, Anna, who is also interested in the firm.

Mr. Haentze has been married twice. His first union was with Caroline Beck, a native of Germany, to whom he was married in New York city in 1863. They came direct to Fond du Lac, where their eight children were born. In order of birth they are as follows: Charles; Edward, who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Philadelphia; Robert, who married Mary Benning of Empire; Caroline, deceased; Ernest, who married Katherine Staage of Kewaskum, Wisconsin; Richard, who married Minetta Fisher of this city; Otto; and Anna, the wife of Anthony Ferdinand, also of Fond du Lac. Mr. Haentze also has three grandchildren: Helen, Clayton and Marinette, the children of his son Richard. The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. Ernest Haentze, was formerly Miss Louisa Kleinknecht. She is also a native of Germany, whence she emigrated to the United States in 1903, and is a daughter of John and Fredericka (Schaeffer) Kleinknecht, who are living in the fatherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Haentze are members of the Lutheran church and he votes the republican ticket, but has never held any official position save one year when he served on the park board. He has been a member of the Society of American

Florists for the past twenty-seven years and was at one time president of the State society. He is widely known and highly esteemed in Fond du Lac, where during the long period of his business career he manifested the highest integrity and most upright principles in all of his transactions.

HERMAN RAMTHUN.

One of the capable and highly enterprising young agriculturists of Osceola township is Herman Ramthun, who owns and operates the old family homestead, comprising a hundred and eighty acres of well improved and fertile land. His birth here occurred on May 5, 1889, his parents being August and Louisa (Feuerhammer) Ramthun. The father, who was born in Germany in 1839, emigrated to the United States with his parents when a youth of eighteen. The family located in Wisconsin and later he purchased the farm now owned by his son, and for many years thereafter devoted himself to its development. It was timber land and his first house and barn were made of logs, but as his circumstances improved he replaced them with better structures, erecting the comfortable brick residence now on the place. He acquired this property prior to his marriage and here he and his wife, who is a native of Wisconsin, have passed the entire period of their domestic life. They are the parents of eight children. Mr. Ramthun's health began to fail several years ago, and feeling the need of relief from all responsibility he sold the farm to his son, but he and the mother still make it their home.

Herman Ramthun was reared at home and educated in district school. He early assumed his share of the work in connection with the operation of the farm, taking over more and more of the responsibility as his father's health began to fail, until in 1911 he took charge of the place. He has since purchased it and here he is now engaged in diversified farming and stockraising. He is diligent and enterprising, and intelligently organizes and concentrates his energies upon anything he undertakes, his efforts being rewarded with a corresponding degree of success. Since acquiring possession of the property he has made various improvements and is now building a new barn thirty-eight by ninety-two feet, which will materially add to the value of the place. He has manifested more than average capability and efficiency in handling his business and is regarded as one of the most promising young agriculturists in the community.

EUGENE T. BRIGGS.

Eugene T. Briggs is one of the respected and successful farmers of Eden township, Fond du Lac county, where he is engaged in the cultivation of his highly developed place of one hundred acres, known as the Highland Grain and Stock Farm. He was born September 4, 1860, in Empire township, and is a son of Monmouth and Charlotte (Berry) Briggs, of whom more extended mention is made in the review of Frank Briggs published in another part of this work.

Eugene Briggs was reared in his parents' home and received his elementary education in the district schools. At the age of sixteen he removed with his father and family to the city of Fond du Lac, where the father took up his home that the children might receive the benefit of better schools than the district in which he lived afforded. After a residence of two years in Fond du Lac he returned with his father to the old home and was there engaged in work on the farm until the time of his marriage in 1887. The lady who became his wife was

Miss Carrie Patrick, a daughter of Chester and Catherine Patrick, who removed from Wayne county, New York, and settled in Empire township in 1858, at which place occurred the birth of Mrs. Briggs. To Mr. and Mrs. Briggs two children have been born: May, who was born January 18, 1889, and Raymond H., whose birth occurred August 10, 1890, both graduates of the high school of Fond du Lac.

Following his marriage Mr. Briggs cultivated rented land in Eden township until 1892, in which year he purchased his present farm of one hundred acres, upon which he has since continued to reside, and devotes his attention to its operation. Since having purchased the property he has greatly improved it with modern buildings and otherwise developed and beautified the place until he now enjoys the reputation of having one of the finest farms in his part of Fond du Lac county. He operates a modern threshing machine in connection with his farming interests and has been engaged in that business for about thirty-five years.

Mr. Briggs is affiliated with the republican party and was treasurer of the township in which he lives for two years. In religious faith he is a Methodist. He is one of the well known and respected citizens of Fond du Lac county and is highly esteemed among his friends and associates for his integrity of character and his useful and industrious life.

WILLIAM J. PETRIE.

William J. Petrie is the proprietor of a large up-to-date and well equipped draying business in Fond du Lac. He is a man who is highly respected throughout the state and county. He was born in Fond du Lac, June 28, 1860, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Petrie, both of whom were natives of Germany. Martin Petrie was born in Saxony, Germany, in 1835, and with his parents emigrated to Wisconsin when he was a child, six years of age. The family settled in Calumet county, where they maintained their home for many years. He was united in marriage to Miss Martha Trantfetter in 1855. Mrs. Martin Petrie was born in 1840 and emigrated to Wisconsin at the age of fourteen, settling in Lamartine township, where she continued to reside until her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Petrie four children were born: Emma, who is unmarried and resides in Fond du Lac; William J., the subject of this review; and Edward and Nettie, who live in Fond du Lac.

William J. Petrie was reared at home and educated in public school and after passing through the lower grades was graduated from the high school at the age of sixteen. Immediately after completing his education he was employed by his father in the teaming business and continued in that occupation until the time of his father's death, which occurred in 1883, after which he took entire charge of the business and operated it for his mother until 1885, at which time he purchased the establishment of which he has since been the proprietor. He now employs in his business two double vans and one auto truck. He has been successful in the conduct of his business which, at the present time, is in a healthy and promising condition and the outlook for the future is very bright.

Mr. Petrie was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Knichs of Fond du Lac, in 1884, and to them two children have been born, Walter and Alma. Mrs. Petrie is the daughter of John and Anna Knichs. John Knichs was the first baggage master employed on the Northwestern railroad line, at the time when the road was built in Wisconsin. He and his family lived in a log house, located in the western part of the city. To Mr. and Mrs. Knichs four children were born. John married Theresa Schrader, of Watertown, and they have one child, Edwin, and reside in Chicago. Henry married Miss Bettie Launstein, of Fond du Lac, and to them three children have been born, Leo, Walter and Paul. Anna married

W. D. Gromme and has two children, Rosa and Richard. Rosa is the wife of the subject of this review.

Mr. Petrie is a member of the Masonic order and also of the National Union and of the Business Men's Association. He is oldest in his line of business in Fond du Lac. His residence is at No. 164 Cherry street and the lot it stands on has one hundred and fifty feet frontage and is one hundred and twenty feet in depth. He is well known and highly respected and his long life of constant activity has been abundantly crowned with prosperity.

PAUL F. KUMMEROW.

Paul F. Kummerow, who owns and conducts a wholesale liquor establishment at 89 South Main street, has passed the entire period of his business career in Fond du Lac, where he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance in commercial circles. He was born in the city of Sheboygan, this state, on the 11th of June, 1860, and is a son of Henry and Agnes Kummerow. The father was a native of Germany, whence he emigrated to the United States in his early manhood, becoming a resident of Wisconsin. He was married in Milwaukee in 1858, and the same year removed to Sheboygan. In 1861, he located in Fond du Lac, where he established a pottery business which he conducted successfully, until 1902. In the latter year he withdrew from active business and lived retired until his death on the 17th of February, 1912. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kummerow, our subject being the eldest. In order of birth the others are as follows: Henry, who resides in Memphis, Tennessee; Charles, a resident of Norfolk, Virginia, who married Miss Effie Barker of Fond du Lac and has one child; and Otto and Agnes, who live in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The greater part of the life of Paul F. Kummerow has been passed in this city, where his parents located during his infancy. He attended the public schools until he assumed the duties of manhood and began his independent career. For a number of years he was variously employed. On May 1, 1903, he became associated with Theodore E. Menge and together they opened a wholesale liquor house at 89 South Main street. The business is well established and is yielding profitable returns. Mr. Kummerow owns the building where his store is located and also the house where he resides at No. 255 Elm street.

Paul F. Kummerow married Miss Henriette Bruett, a daughter of A. H. and Mary Bruett, of this city, and they have three children, Paul F., Jr., Andrew and Tillman. Fraternally Mr. Kummerow is affiliated with the National Union and the Masonic order and he belongs to the Business Men's Association. In his political views he is democratic but at municipal elections he very often casts an independent ballot, giving his support to such men and measures as he deems best qualified to serve the interests of the people.

EUGENE J. HAYES.

Eugene J. Hayes is a well known and successful agriculturist of Eden township, residing on section 3. His birth occurred in Mitchell township, Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, on the 29th of October, 1860, his parents being Henry and Annie (Kerwin) Hayes. The father is a native of Toronto, Canada, and the mother was born in Ireland and was brought to this country when six years of age. It was in 1850 that Henry Hayes came to Wisconsin, settling in Milwaukee, where he lived for five or six years. He then removed to Mitchell township, Sheboygan county, where he resided until 1866. In that year he came to Eden

township, Fond du Lac county, and here purchased a tract of eighty acres, all of which was covered with timber. After clearing the property of its timber he built a substantial residence upon it and added many other improvements, residing on that farm until 1907. He is a carpenter by trade and throughout his active business career largely devoted his time and energies to that occupation, hiring men to operate his farm until his sons became old enough to undertake the work of the fields. For the past five years he has lived retired in the village of Eden. He was elected clerk of the county courts, serving from 1894 to 1896, and has always been a prominent factor in public life here. He has served as town treasurer and town chairman and also in various other official capacities, in his town and school district. During the long period of their residence in Fond du Lac county Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayes have become widely and favorably known within its borders.

Eugene Hayes attended the district school in the acquirement of an education and worked on his father's farm until he started out as an agriculturist on his own account. During several winter seasons he taught school in different parts of the state. In 1890 he purchased the farm adjoining that of his father and six years later was married and took up his abode thereon. He erected a commodious residence and substantial barns and has been engaged in the operation of that place to the present time, his well directed labors as an agriculturist having been attended with success.

In 1896 Mr. Hayes was united in marriage to Miss Catherine McCabe, her father being Michael McCabe, an old settler of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have six children, Thomas, Ellis, Henry, Hugh, John and Catherine. In politics Eugene Hayes is independent. He has served as town clerk for several years and is now acting in the capacity of school director. In religious faith he is Catholic, belonging to St. Mary's church at Eden, of which his wife is also a devout communicant. He is a public-spirited citizen, interested in the welfare of his county. His life is exemplary in all respects, he has ever supported those movements which have for their ultimate purpose the uplift and benefit of humanity, and his high moral worth is deserving of highest commendation.

LEWIS GEORGE KELLOGG.

Lewis George Kellogg has been prominently identified with political and agricultural interests in Fond du Lac county for many years and has gained a reputation during that time for efficiency and ability in public office and capable service. He was born on May 17, 1856, on a farm two miles east of Ripon. His father, Anson G. Kellogg, was born April 29, 1822, and came to Wisconsin, settling in Kenosha in 1844. He taught school in that city for two winters and then, in the spring of 1846, accompanied by his younger brother Newton, who had come from Chittenango, New York, to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, settled in the city of Ripon. Here the two brothers bought farms, each acquiring a quarter section of land, and were very successful in the cultivation of the soil. Anson G. Kellogg operated his farm and improved his land until his death, on December 16, 1907. His wife was Aseneth Lindsley, who was born January 25, 1830, and died seven years before the death of her husband, on the 10th of September, 1900.

Lewis G. Kellogg received his early education in the public schools of Ripon, is a graduate of a local high school and completed his studies by a course at Ripon College. After he laid aside his books he settled on a farm which his father had given him and has been active in its management and cultivation until the present time. He has developed his holdings extensively along modern and scientific lines, has done much to raise the standard of construction in farm

buildings and is always interested in every new labor-saving device on the market pertaining to agriculture.

Mr. Kellogg has always been actively interested in the welfare of his native city and is prominent in educational circles. He served for six years as school commissioner and for four years as clerk of the school board. He has never lost his interest in educational affairs but has of late years been more prominent in political circles. He was elected mayor on the democratic ticket in 1907 to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Weil. His service in this capacity was so efficient that in 1908 he was reelected. He has held the office continuously since that time and was last chosen by the people in April, 1912. Under his administration the affairs of the city of Ripon have progressed along smooth and systematic lines. He always lends his influence to causes and principles which he believes to be just and is well known throughout the city as an honorable and incorruptible official.

On January 28, 1880, Mr. Kellogg was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Palmiter, a daughter of William and Harriet M. Palmiter, who came from Oneida county, New York, to Wisconsin at an early day. They settled first at Watertown but moved to Fond du Lac county in the early '50s. Mrs. Kellogg was one of a family of two children but her brother died at the age of one year. She received her education at the public and high schools of Ripon and later supplemented this by a course in Ripon College. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg became the parents of three children. Lela Rose, born November, 1881, lived only seven weeks. Aimee L., who was born in November, 1884, is the wife of Bartholomew Van Der Velde, a prominent attorney of Spokane, Washington. She is a graduate of the Ripon high school and Ripon college and before her marriage was well known in local musical circles as a violinist of remarkable ability. She spent some years before her marriage giving violin lessons and attained an extraordinary degree of success in this occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg's other daughter was Ruth H., who died in Ripon in 1906 at the age of twenty years.

Mr. Kellogg has been for a long period actively interested in the science of horticulture and holds membership in the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society. He served as president of this organization for two years and filled the office of treasurer with great ability for twelve years. He is a prominent Mason, holding membership in Ripon Lodge, No. 95, F. & A. M. He has been master and is now high priest of Ripon Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M., and is actively connected with the Berlin Commandery, No 10, K. T. He is identified with the Congregational church and has always been interested in religious matters. He has made a record for efficiency and honesty in public office and no breath of scandal has ever marred his career as a politician. He always lends his influence to just and honorable causes and is never swayed by party prejudice. He regards public office not as a means toward personal advancement and gain but as a confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens and he makes it the end and endeavor of his political life never to be found unworthy of that trust.

JAMES L. FULLER.

Ireland has furnished many capable and efficient citizens to Osceola township among whom must be numbered James L. Fuller, who holds the title to a beautiful farm of two hundred and twenty acres, which is in every way a tribute to his agricultural skill and business ability. He was born in County Kerry in 1847, a son of William and Katherine (Langford) Fuller, who were born, reared and married in the same county and there the father passed away. In 1865, the mother with our subject and his brother Thomas emigrated to the United States to join her other sons and daughters, who were already residents of this country. They

landed in New York city, coming from there direct to Fond du Lac county, where they established their home.

James L. Fuller was a youth of eighteen years when he came to America with his mother and brother; and has ever since been a resident of Fond du Lac county. They settled in Osceola township and for nine or ten years thereafter he worked out by the month for various farmers in this vicinity. He was ambitious as well as diligent and thrifty, and although he received but meager wages he ultimately saved enough from his earnings to enable him to buy eighty acres of land, on which had been placed a few crude improvements. This tract was purchased in 1874 and formed the nucleus of his present valuable homestead. The acquirement of a place of his own seemed to be an incentive to yet closer application and the expenditure of unceasing effort. He is a very practical man and exercised good judgment and intelligence in the development of his property, meeting with a corresponding degree of success, and as a result he was subsequently able to increase his holdings until his farm now comprises two hundred and twenty acres. Much labor and money has been expended in its development during the intervening years, and the result has been well worthy of the effort and it is now numbered among the valuable properties of the township. Everything about the place is in good condition, clearly manifesting the careful supervision and competent management that bespeaks prosperity and brings success in any line of business. During the period of his ownership Mr. Fuller has transformed this property from practically a wilderness into a highly cultivated farm and an attractive place of residence. He has improved it by the erection of a comfortable house, large barns and ample sheds and outbuildings for the protection of his stock and machinery, while his fields are substantially fenced and his equipment is fully equal to his needs and requirements.

In 1873, Mr. Fuller was married to Miss Ellen Dalton of Eden, a native of Empire, and to them have been born five sons: William Henry; Thomas; Edward; John Langford, who married Mary Norges, a daughter of William Norges; and Stephen.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and belong to St. James Parish at Eden. Mr. Fuller is a democrat in his political views and served as assessor in his township for six years. He is very proud of his farm, as well he may be, and derives great satisfaction from the fact that it has been won through his own effort, as he has made his way alone and fully merits such success as has come to him.

CHARLES BAUDRY.

Charles Baudry, who engages in general farming and stockraising in Eden township, has passed practically his entire life in the immediate vicinity of his present home, his birth occurring in that township on the 21st of May, 1859. His father, John Baudry, was a native of Normandy, France, whence he emigrated to the United States in early manhood, becoming a resident of Fond du Lac county. He purchased a tract of government land in Eden township, upon which he erected a comfortable house and a substantial barn, and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, the further improvement and cultivation of his farm claiming his attention for eight years thereafter. He passed away at the early age of thirty-four years, leaving a widow and five children. The mother, whose maiden name was Mary Maurice, was a native of the Isle of Jersey, and a daughter of Lot Angeqie Maurice. The maternal grandfather had resided in Canada for seven years prior to locating in this county, where he passed the remainder of his life. Upon his arrival here he purchased the farm in Eden township, now owned by our subject, which at that time was entirely

unimproved and covered with a dense growth of timber. Mrs. Baudry, who passed away in 1872, did not long survive her husband, her death also occurring at the age of thirty-four years.

Charles Baudry, who was left an orphan at the age of thirteen years, made his home with his maternal grandparents after the death of his mother. In the acquirement of his education he attended what was then known as Foster's school, which was held in a little log cabin in Eden township in the vicinity of his home. His grandfather early began instructing him in the best practical methods of tilling the fields and caring for the crops, thus qualifying him for the career of an agriculturist, which vocation he has always followed. In 1887 he bought sixty acres of land and began farming on his own account, but it was his ambition to own the old Maurice homestead, which was not only endeared to him through its early associations but was a valuable property, so he gradually purchased the claims of the other heirs and acquired the title to the entire holding. Mr. Baudry is enterprising and progressive in his ideas and during the years of his ownership has greatly improved his farm by the erection of new buildings and the adoption of modern methods in its development. He is prospering in his undertakings, and is numbered among the efficient and substantial citizens of his community. In 1889 Mr. Baudry married Miss Mary Fashant, a native of Minnesota and a daughter of Alexander Fashant. Her parents came from Belgium direct to Fond du Lac when there were but a few houses in the city. They settled on a farm two miles east of Eden, where they lived for ten years. Removing to Minnesota they became pioneers of Wright county in the township of Annandale and there they lived until the mother died. Subsequently Alexander Fashant returned to Wisconsin and died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baudry. Our subject and his wife are the parents of two children, Eva W. and George. They are devout adherents of the Roman Catholic church and belong to St. Mary's parish. Mr. Baudry leads a life of activity and diligence as is manifested by the excellent condition and thriving appearance of his farm, which gives substantial proof of well organized and intelligently directed effort in its development.

JAMES O. ACKERMAN, M. D.

Dr. James O. Ackerman, who passed away on the 25th of August, 1909, was for many years identified with the medical fraternity of Fond du Lac. He was a man of many estimable qualities, prominent among which was his patriotism, and he accordingly served the Union valiantly during the greater part of the Civil war, having entered the service early in 1861 and remained at the front until mustered out in 1864.

In qualifying himself for his profession, Dr. Ackerman first graduated from the Detroit Medical College, and later pursued a post-graduate course in the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, of which he was also a graduate. He was a man of progressive ideas and studious habits and was always striving to advance the standard of his profession. For many years he made a close study of the drug and liquor habits and did much research work in his efforts to discover an effective and permanent cure for these evils, and at last succeeding, devoted much of his time during the latter years of his practice, to this specialty. When electricity began to play such an important part in medical practice, Dr. Ackerman acquired a complete equipment and was one of the first physicians in the city to adopt electricity in the treatment of disease meeting with excellent success in its use. When the Civil war broke out Dr. Ackerman enlisted in Company E, Third Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry, and served for a year and a half. At the expiration of his period of service he reenlisted this

time with the Sixth United States Cavalry and served under both Sherman and Custer. He received his discharge on the James river in the vicinity of Richmond, Virginia, in July, 1864.

Dr. Ackerman was married on the 1st of October, 1864, at Rochester, New York, to Miss Elizabeth H. Townsend, a daughter of William K. Townsend, a well known criminal attorney of that city, who died February 20, 1882. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Ackerman, a son and two daughters. George W., who is auditor for the Cleveland Cliff Furnace Company of Marquette, Wisconsin, married Helen Sullivan and they have three children, James O., Jessie and John. Mabel after teaching for several years in the public schools accepted a position in the purchasing department of the Soo Railroad at Minneapolis, where she was employed up to the time of her death on the 26th of March, 1897. Jessie is the wife of Charles E. Brown of Fond du Lac.

Mrs. Ackerman is very attached to animals, in particular to horses and enjoys the possession of two high-bred and valuable ones, of which she is very fond. She is deeply interested in objects of art and has some choice specimens in her home, which is also filled with beautiful and rare plants.

Dr. Ackerman always gave his political allegiance to the republican party, but he was too deeply absorbed in his profession to become active in its affairs, although he was not remiss in the duties of citizenship, and did much to forward the moral, intellectual and social welfare of the community.

VALENTINE HILLEBRAND.

Valentine Hillebrand is one of the representative citizens of Eden township, where he owns a valuable farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres and a half interest in the general mercantile business of Flood & Hillebrand at Eden. His life record was begun in a little log cabin on a farm in Polk township, Washington county, this state, on the 16th of September, 1852, his parents being Carl and Amelia (Englebert) Hillebrand. The father, who was a native of Westphalia, Germany, emigrated to America with his wife and eldest daughter Rosa in 1847, coming direct to Washington county, Wisconsin, where he settled on a tract of government land, covered with timber, surrounded by a forest and miles remote from a white settlement. There were more Indians than white men in that section of the state at that period and the woods were filled with wild animals. The prospects were not particularly encouraging or hopeful, but Mr. Hillebrand had come here to establish a home, so he built a rude log cabin and began clearing his land and placing it under cultivation. Some conception of the wildness and desolation can be formed from the statement made by Mr. Hillebrand in later years, when he told how he used to have to guard his hogs at feeding time to keep the deer from stealing their corn. Later he sold this place and bought another eighty acres of woodland, which he cleared and cultivated until his death in 1880, at the age of sixty-three. He had long survived the mother, who passed away in 1858. The family of Mr. Hillebrand numbered thirteen children, eight of whom were born of his first marriage. For his second wife he chose Miss Louisa Fischer, and they became the parents of five children.

The early years in the life of Valentine Hillebrand were passed on his father's farm in Washington county. The educational advantages of that period in the rural districts were poor and inadequate but he attended the common schools until he was fifteen years of age and then began to learn the blacksmith's trade. In 1872, he established a shop of his own at Maxenville, which he operated for three years, and then was located for two years at Kewaskum. At the expiration of that time he removed to Eden, where he continued to

follow his trade until 1898. In the latter year he disposed of his shop and purchasing his present farm turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. When Mr. Hillebrand came to this farm he had thirty acres which were utterly worthless on account of stones in the land, but he cleared this tract and has thereon today a fine crop. He had made many improvements on the place during the period of his residence, including the erection of a stable forty by eighty feet, and it is now one of the most valuable and attractive farms in the township. In 1909, he bought the interest of John Flood in the general mercantile business of Flood & Flood at Eden, but he has never been actively identified with the enterprise, being represented in the management of the concern by his son John.

In December, 1874, Mr. Hillebrand was united in marriage to Miss Lena Dapper, a daughter of Andrew Dapper, of Polk township, Washington county, and to them have been born eight children, Charles, Frank, John, William, Joseph, Edward, Katherine and Henry, all of whom are living. The eldest son, Charles, was the first child born in the village of Eden. Mrs. Hillebrand passed away on November 10, 1910, and was buried in the Calvary cemetery at Fond du Lac.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and belong to St. Mary's parish, of which Mr. Hillebrand was one of the organizers, having been the first to advocate the establishment of this church. He has resided in this immediate vicinity for thirty-seven years and has many stanch friends who accord him the esteem and regard his honorable methods and upright business dealings justly entitle him.

SIDNEY STORRS HALL, M. D.

In his successful and useful career as a general medical practitioner, Dr. Sidney Storrs Hall is carrying on the honorable and worthy traditions of his father and grandfather, both of whom spent their lives as practicing physicians. He was born March 1, 1844 in East Bloomfield, New York, and is a son of Dr. Storrs and M. E. (Scribner) Hall. The former was born in Middle Granville, New York, May 11, 1814, and practiced his profession at Rosendale, Wisconsin, about 50 years until his death which occurred January 13, 1905. His wife was born in Connecticut on May 1, 1817. She died January 30, 1912. Dr. Storrs Hall was the father of four children: Dr. Sidney Storrs Hall, of this review; William S., engaged in mining in Denver, Colorado, who is in the sixty-sixth year of his age; Charles E., who was born in 1852 and is living in Russell, Kansas; and Ira, whose birth occurred in 1860 and who is now a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The grandparents of our subject were Dr. Ira and Rebecca (Parker) Hall and the former was a practicing physician in Middle Granville, New York.

Dr. Sidney Storrs Hall received his early education in the public schools of Ripon, Wisconsin, and later attended the Fond du Lac high school. After taking one year of a medical course in the University of Michigan, he entered the United States service during the Civil war as surgeon steward in the United States Navy Mississippi squadron. He was present at the surrender of the Kirby-Smith army at Shreveport, Louisiana, and was mustered out at the end of the war with honorable discharge. At the close of the war he finished his medical education at Harvard University graduating with the degree of M. D. in 1867. He practiced at Rosendale, Wisconsin; Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Morrison, Illinois, until 1882, when he settled in Ripon—in the general practice of medicine, specializing, however, in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He has attained in the course of his career as a physician an extensive clientage which he built up by his energy, activity and thorough knowledge of his work. He

has always kept himself abreast of the times by exhaustive reading and by his association with various societies affiliated with his profession. He is a member of the American Medical Association, and is prominent in the affairs of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin. He has been treasurer of the latter organization since 1889 and has done efficient work in this capacity. He also holds membership in the Fond du Lac County Medical Society and in the Brainerd Medical Society, of which he is an ex-president. He is also prominent in the affairs of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association. His cooperation can always be counted upon in every movement looking toward the advancement of the Medical profession and he has done much remarkable work along this line.

On July 14, 1868, Dr. Hall was united in marriage in Rosendale, Wisconsin, to Miss Frances Powell, whose birth occurred August 18, 1848. Her parents were the Rev. John and Mary (Walrath) Powell, the former a prominent minister in Rosendale. Rev. and Mrs. John N. Powell were the parents of three children: Frances, the wife of the subject of this sketch; John W., deceased; and William P., who makes his home at Saginaw, Michigan. Mrs. Hall died February 21, 1902. She was the mother of six children. One died in infancy. John S. married Miss Ruth Nohl and they became the parents of two children: Powell Storrs, aged thirteen; and Elizabeth, aged eleven years. John S. Hall died in 1902 at the age of thirty-one years. Edwin was born in 1873 and is a civil engineer in Chicago. He married Pearl Hendrickson of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and is the father of two children: Sidney S., who was born in 1904; and Edwin C., whose birth occurred in 1910. Jennie who was born in 1874 took a degree of Master of Arts from Ripon College. She is teaching science in the Ripon high school, and is living at home. Mary was born in 1876, is a graduate of Ripon College and resides with her father in Ripon. Robert S., the youngest of the family, whose birth occurred in 1879 is a civil engineer in New York city. He married Arloine Ayer and has two children, John A., born in 1907, and Dorothy E., whose birth occurred in 1911.

Dr. Hall is a stanch supporter of the republican party and is a firm believer in the principles and policies for which that organization stands. He is well known socially and has many friends in Ripon. He is a member of the Milwaukee Harvard Club and is a member of the H. S. Eggleston Post, No. 199, G. A. R. He is essentially Protestant in his religious faith but a firm believer in the right of every man to think for himself. Dr. Hall is one of the most prominent practicing physicians of Ripon and his kindly and genial character and his accurate and scientific methods have gained him many clients in a long and useful life.

CHARLES H. PRIEST.

Charles H. Priest, president of the C. H. Priest Fuel Company of Fond du Lac, was born in the state of New York on the 15th of June, 1852. He is the elder of two sons born of the marriage of D. W. C. and Sarah (Joy) Priest, his brother being Edward B. Priest. The parents were also natives of the state of New York, whence they removed in 1858 to Fond du Lac, where the father, who was a lawyer, engaged in the practice of his profession.

Charles H. Priest, who was a child of six years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this city, pursued his education in the graded and high schools until he was fifteen years of age, and then took a course in the De Lands Business College, being graduated from that institution three years later. He began earning his living at the age of eighteen, his first position being that of brakeman for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company.

After serving in this capacity for two years he was made fireman and three years later was put in charge of a construction crew. He held the latter position for four years and then gave up railroading, locating on a farm which he had purchased, in this county, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He assiduously applied himself to the improvement and cultivation of his property for the succeeding seventeen years, and at the expiration of that time sold his farm and once more became a resident of Fond du Lac. In 1911, he purchased the fuel business in the conduct of which he is associated with his only son Fayette B., and is meeting with success.

Charles H. Priest married Miss Elvira Brown, a daughter of Fayette Brown of this city, and to them have been born three children, Fayette B., Etna C. and Nettie A. Fayette B., married Mildred V. Scholl, a daughter of Michael and Irene Scholl, and they have one child, Marion J.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Priest attend the Baptist church. In politics the former is a republican. He is a public-spirited man and always takes an active interest in all local affairs. He served as treasurer of Fond du Lac township for five or six years and for fifteen or sixteen years he was clerk of school district No. 3 of that township. He has passed the greater part of his life in this vicinity and enjoys an extensive acquaintance in the community, where he is held in high esteem.

JOHN ROSENBAUM.

John Rosenbaum is one of the respected and well known citizens of Empire township, Fond du Lac county, where he is successfully engaged in the cultivation of his highly developed farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He was born in Germany July 6, 1849, and is a son of Frederick and Sophia (Roehl) Rosenbaum, both of whom were natives of Germany and celebrated their marriage in their native land. The father, with his wife and two children, emigrated to the United States in 1851, making the voyage across the ocean in an old-time sailing vessel. Upon reaching the shores of the new world he made his first settlement in Wisconsin near Milwaukee where he rented a farm which he worked on shares, continuing the cultivation of that land for ten years. In 1862 he removed to Forest township, Fond du Lac county, where he purchased sixty acres of mostly unimproved land, and there established his home. He built a loghouse on his farm and there continued to reside during the active years of his life. Some time before 1900 he retired from work and lived with his son John of this review until the time of his death which occurred February 17, 1904, at the age of eighty-four. He was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Roehl, and to that union four children were born: John, of this sketch; Louisa; Caroline; and Matilda.

John Rosenbaum was reared at home and received his early education in the schools of Wisconsin. He was brought to America by his parents at the age of two years, and as a youth was employed on his father's farm near Milwaukee and later removed with the family to the town of Forest in Fond du Lac county, driving the cattle and making the entire journey on foot. He remained with his father in Forest and assisted him in building the first buildings erected on that place, and continued to devote his time to work in the clearing and cultivation of the farm. He later came in possession of the farm on which he continued to reside until 1900, at which time he sold that property and purchased forty acres in Empire township to which he later added eighty acres in Eden township. This property he has greatly improved with a new barn and other necessary improvements required on a well equipped place.

Mr. Rosenbaum was united in marriage at the age of twenty-two years to Miss Louisa Weber, a daughter of Christian Weber, and they became the parents of two children: Charles, who is a dentist of Milwaukee; and John W., who is a contractor of Fond du Lac. The mother of this family died October 10, 1878. In 1880 Mr. Rosenbaum chose as his second partner in life Miss Catherine Beartell, a daughter of Peter and Dorothy (Reichly) Beartell. Her father was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1862 and continued in the service until 1865, at which time he met death in battle just at the close of that conflict. To Mr. Rosenbaum's second union five children were born: Dorothy, who died in infancy; Frederick, who was born December 29, 1881, and lives in Minnesota; Louis, who was born on the 28th of February, 1884, and resides in Fond du Lac; Lillian, whose birth occurred August 12, 1891; and Arthur, who was born on the 19th of July, 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenbaum and family are members of St. Peter's Lutheran church of Fond du Lac. Mr. Rosenbaum is justly entitled to be numbered among the pioneers of Fond du Lac county, and as a pioneer he manfully bore the hardships incident to early life in an undeveloped country. When a lad of but fifteen years he was frequently engaged during the winter months in hauling stove wood to Fond du Lac, a distance of eleven miles, with ox teams, and experienced on those trips the hardships occasioned by poor roads, slow transit and severely cold weather. Notwithstanding the toil and difficulties encountered in early life, he is proud of the fact that he was able to give his attention to the assistance of his father in clearing up the old home and in later years care for the comfort of his father and mother for many years after extreme age had rendered them incapable of work. He has succeeded in his life as a farmer and public opinion places him among the highly esteemed and most successful men in his part of Fond du Lac county.

JAMES CLARK.

James Clark is the owner of one hundred and seventy-six acres of rich, fertile land in Eden township, which he has been successfully cultivating for more than thirty years. His life record was begun in a little log cabin on the farm where he now resides, on the 12th of June, 1856, his parents being James and Rose (Newcomb) Clark, natives of County Louth, Ireland. The father, whose natal year was 1800, emigrated to the United States in his early manhood and located in the state of New York, where for a time he worked out as a farm hand for six dollars per month. While there he was married to Miss Newcomb, who came to America alone to join her brothers, who had previously located in this country. Mr. Clark remained in New York for about ten years and then came to Wisconsin, becoming a resident of Fond du Lac county in the early '50s. Soon after locating here he bought some government land in Eden township, that he cleared and placed under cultivation, applying himself to its further cultivation during the remainder of his active life. His original holdings consisted of eighty acres, but he later bought another eighty and subsequently increased his tract by the purchase at one time of forty-six acres and at another of forty, making his farm aggregate two hundred and forty-six acres. He lived to attain a ripe old age, having passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey at the time of his death in June, 1880. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Clark numbered eight, all of whom are still living.

The entire life of James Clark has been passed in the immediate vicinity of his present home. He received his education in the district school, which was held in a little log cabin, while he is indebted to his father for his thorough and practical knowledge of agricultural methods. He remained at home until

he was twenty-five years of age and then began farming on his own account. After the death of his father he came into possession of his present farm, and during the long period of his ownership has wrought extensive improvements in it. In 1902, he tore down the old log cabin and erected a modern house, and he has at various times introduced many improvements and conveniences about the place consistent with the spirit of progress he manifests in everything he undertakes.

In 1883, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Margaret Lloyd, a daughter of Thomas Lloyd, and to them has been born one daughter, Agnes, who became the wife of George Nast, of Eden township.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and are members of St. James' parish. In politics Mr. Clark is a republican, and he served for three or four years as supervisor of his township, and has also been a school director and treasurer of the school district. He is highly regarded in the community, where he has many friends, the majority of whom have known him from boyhood.

MARTIN F. KAEDING.

Martin F. Kaeding, who for the past six years has been conducting a tailoring establishment in Fond du Lac, was born in Bowling Green, Ohio, on the 26th of October, 1878. He is a son of August and Catherine (Knaus) Kaeding also natives of Ohio, where the father engages in farming. The family of Mr. and Mrs. August Kaeding numbers seven, our subject being the second in order of birth. The others are as follows: George; Bertha; Edward, a resident of Fond du Lac, who married Lettie Rosenbaum and has one child; Minnie, the wife of William Husemeyer; Adolph, who is a cabinetmaker in Fond du Lac; and Mata.

Reared in the state of his nativity, in the acquirement of an education Martin F. Kaeding attended the Lutheran parochial school. At the age of fourteen years he terminated his student days and became a tailor's apprentice. Subsequent to the completion of his period of service as apprentice he entered the employ of others as a tailor but after fourteen years as such he decided he was qualified to establish a shop of his own and came to Fond du Lac, where he has ever since been engaged in the operation of an up-to-date tailoring establishment. He is located at the corner of Second and South Main streets, and as he is a capable workman, keeps a well assorted stock of materials and fills his orders promptly and efficiently he is meeting with success.

Mr. Kaeding is a member of the Lutheran church and in his political views he is independent, giving his support to such men and measures as he feels are best adapted to serve the interests of the people. He is a diligent and ambitious man, and is highly deserving of prosperity as he has worked patiently and persistently from his early boyhood, and has through his own unaided effort attained the position he now holds in the business world.

PETER FLOOD.

One of the most attractive farms in Eden township is that of Peter Flood, who was born in Ireland in November, 1838, and is a son of James and Rose (McEnroe) Flood. The parents were born, reared and married in County Meath, Ireland, but in 1842 they emigrated to the United States, accompanied

by their five children. They first located in the state of New York, and while residing there lived in the house which served as the headquarters of General Stark during the Battle of Bennington Heights. In 1848, Mr. Flood removed with his wife and family to Fond du Lac county, and soon after his arrival here purchased a tract of timber land in Eden township, which he cultivated until his death in 1856. He was sixty-three years of age when he passed away, and the mother was seventy-five at the time of her death in 1867.

Peter Flood was a child of four years when his parents brought him to the United States and ten when the family located in this county. He began his education in the common schools of New York state and completed it in a little log schoolhouse that was built close to their farm in Eden township in 1850. When not engaged with his lessons he assisted about the work of the farm and for twelve years, beginning in 1859, he taught school for four months in the winter. He remained at home until his marriage, when he settled on the place where he now lives, which had formerly been the property of his father. The land was entirely covered with a heavy growth of timber, and it required many years of unceasing toil to transform it into the valuable, productive farm it is today. As success came to him Mr. Flood improved his place by the erection of substantial barns and outbuildings and in 1882 built a comfortable residence.

In 1865, Mr. Flood was married to Miss Anne Lloyd, a daughter of George Lloyd, one of the pioneer settlers of Hamilton county, and to them have been born seven children: George, Anne, James, Rosa, Augustus, Emmet and Maurice.

The family attend St. James Catholic church of which they are communicants, and politically Mr. Flood is a democrat. He takes an active interest in all township affairs and has served as district school clerk for thirty years, and he was also chairman of the township committee for some years, serving in this capacity when the new courthouse was built.

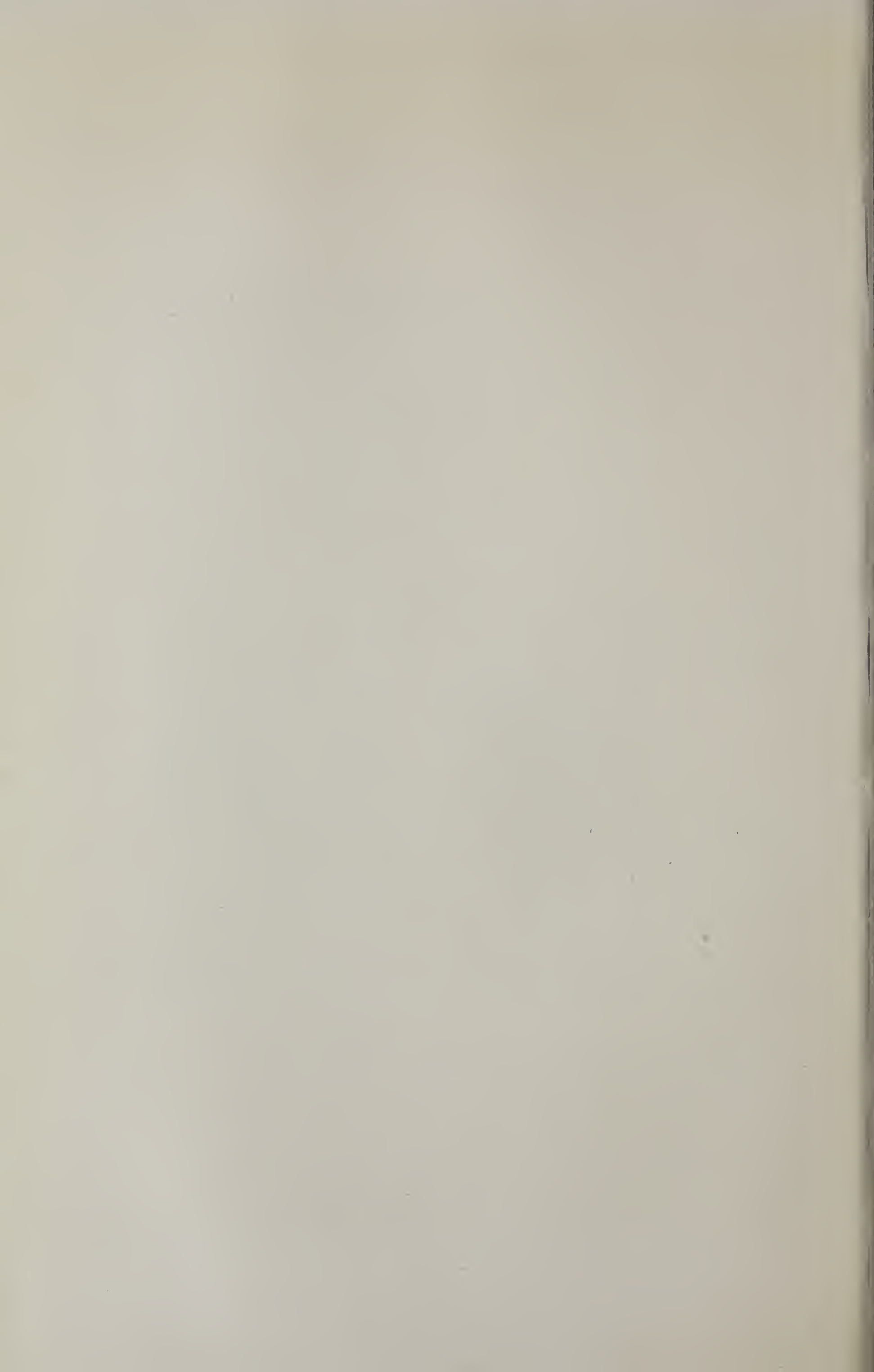
SAMUEL B. STANCHFIELD.

Prominent among those who have contributed to the material development and political progress of Fond du Lac county is numbered Samuel B. Stanchfield. Success has followed his efforts in business and honors have come to him because of his political activity and his loyalty in citizenship. He was born in Leeds, Maine, March 17, 1836, and comes of English ancestry. His great-great-grandfather was John Stanchfield, who was born in Leeds, England, October 12, 1715, while his wife, Elizabeth Barnes, was born on the 21st of December of the same year. They emigrated to Gloucester, Massachusetts, in 1735 and there resided until 1755, when they removed with their family to the New Gloucester district of Maine, where they passed the remainder of their lives.

Their son, Thomas Stanchfield, in the spring of 1779 went up the Androscoggin river to the mouth of one of its branches, called Dead river, and along the latter stream established his home. He had no neighbors save Indians, with whom, however, he lived in friendly relations for many years. He built the first blockhouse, where the wigwam of the Indian chief Sabattis had stood for a long period, in the midst of the forest lands now included within the boundary lines of the town of Leeds, which he so named after the birthplace of his father. Thomas Stanchfield was the first settler to establish a trading post and he conducted a large business in the fur trade with the Indians, who entertained the highest regard for him and called him Father Thomas in recognition of his honesty and consideration in dealing with them. He became known



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by that name throughout the entire district. He married Sarah True, and their son, Captain Samuel Stanchfield, was born November 6, 1777. In early life he became interested in navigation and at the age of twenty-four was master of a vessel. In 1805 he was married to Mary King, of New York city, and in 1806 they removed to Leeds, Maine, settling on a farm adjoining that of his father, where he lived until his death, which occurred May 26, 1826.

His eldest son, George King Stanchfield, was born April 2, 1806, in New York city. During that year his parents removed to the state of Maine, locating in the town of Leeds. On the 1st of January, 1834, he married Jane, daughter of Eben and Sarah (Foster) Libby. To them were born in Leeds, Maine, two children, Sarah Jane and Samuel B., the latter being the subject of this review. In June, 1855, George K. Stanchfield and his family removed to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and in September of that year the daughter died. In 1856 he settled on forty acres southeast of the city and there made his home until his death, which occurred in 1881. The old homestead is still the place of residence of his son Samuel B. The father served as supervisor of the town of Leeds for many years and was chairman of the town board of the town of Fond du Lac for thirteen years, including the period of the war of the rebellion, at which time he made a very creditable record in procuring recruits for the army. He is still remembered by many of his friends as a true and honorable citizen.

Stephen D. Stanchfield was born in Leeds, Maine, in 1821, studied law and was admitted to the bar at Portland, Maine, in 1849. The following year he came to Fond du Lac, where he resided for fourteen years. During that period he held the offices of city clerk and clerk of the circuit court and for a number of years was editor of the Democratic Press. He removed to Denver, Colorado, where in 1882 he was appointed postmaster, and in November of that year he was appointed municipal judge of that city, filling both positions until his death.

Samuel B. Stanchfield secured a common-school education in his native state and in 1855, then nineteen years of age, accompanied his parents to Fond du Lac. In April of the following year he took up his abode on a farm southeast of the city and still makes his home there. His holdings, however, have been greatly increased as the years have gone by and prosperity has attended his efforts, for he is now the owner of five hundred acres of rich and valuable land. While devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits, he ever stood for progress and improvement and the spirit of enterprise was manifest in the excellent appearance of his fields and in the modern accessories and equipments to be found upon his place. He made stock-growing also a feature of his business and his prominence in that connection is indicated in the fact that he was president of the Wisconsin Central Stock Growers Society for three years. He was also president of the Fond du Lac Agricultural Society for two years and in both connections did everything possible to stimulate an interest in improvement and advancement along the lines of general farming and stock-raising. He was also at one time secretary and treasurer of the Fond du Lac Empire and Friendship Towns Fire Insurance Company, continuing in the office for seventeen years.

While Mr. Stanchfield made continuous advancement along business lines, he also gained recognition as a political leader, causing his cooperation to be sought in discharging the duties of various political offices. In 1874 he was elected town clerk of Fond du Lac and acted in that capacity for a number of years. In April, 1882, he was elected chairman of its board of supervisors and no higher testimonial of his fidelity and capability could be given than the fact that he continued in the position for twenty-two years. He was chairman of the county board of supervisors for nine years and yet still higher honors awaited him, for in 1884 he was elected to represent his district in the general assembly. In 1888 he was elected to the state senate, where he served for four

years, and thus he had to do with shaping the legislation of the state during the six years' service as a member of the Wisconsin legislature.

On the 18th of March, 1863, Mr. Stanchfield was married to Miss Ophelia Edgerton, a daughter of Hiram and Lucinda (Felton) Edgerton, and to them were born three sons. Gancello S., whose birth occurred May 31, 1864, resides on a farm southeast of the city of Fond du Lac and is a breeder of Holstein-Friesian cattle. On the 30th of December, 1891, he married Gertrude Bartlett, and they have three children, a daughter and two sons. George H., the second son, born July 3, 1868, was graduated from the Wisconsin State University as a civil engineer in 1892. He served as civil engineer for the cities of Watertown and Fond du Lac for a number of years and is now engaged in general contract work. He was married February 14, 1893, to Elizabeth Park, of Madison, and they have three daughters and a son. Bartley K. Stanchfield was born October 2, 1872, was graduated from the State University as a mechanical engineer and has since followed his profession. In 1905, accompanied by three other young men, he made the first transcontinental trip by automobile from New York city to Portland, Oregon. He was married July 24, 1902, to Olga, daughter of Mrs. Lydia Wilkie.

For fifty-seven years Samuel B. Stanchfield has been a resident of Fond du Lac county. From the organization of the republican party he has been one of its staunch supporters and has been a recognized leader in its ranks. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has many friends both within and without that organization. He has witnessed practically the entire growth and development of this section of the state and as the years have passed the work that he has done in behalf of public progress has made his service a valuable asset in citizenship. He has ever been an advocate of all that works for the betterment of the community along material, social, intellectual, political and moral lines and, being a man of action rather than of theory, his efforts have been resultant and the welfare of the community has been thereby advanced.

ALWIN E. ADAMS.

Alwin E. Adams, who is engaged in general farming in Eden township, represents the third generation of his family to have been identified with the agricultural development of Fond du Lac county. He was born at Empire, on the farm of his grandfather, William Adams, in 1883, and is a son of Wilbur C. and Emma (Hopkins) Adams. The paternal grandfather was a native of Vermont, whence he removed in 1847 to Wisconsin, locating in Fond du Lac county. Here he filed on some government land, which he cultivated for several years. Later he removed to a farm in the vicinity of Empire, but subsequently took up his residence in Eden, where he passed away in 1905, at the venerable age of eighty-six years. The father of our subject, Wilbur C. Adams, was born in Forrest township in 1854. He was reared on his father's farm and educated in the district schools. Upon attaining his manhood he adopted the vocation of an agriculturist, and in 1893 bought the farm where our subject now resides and engaged in its cultivation until 1909, when he gave up his active farm life and removed to Fond du Lac, where he is now living retired. He took an interest in all local affairs and served as school treasurer in Eden township, during the period of his residence here. The mother, who also survives, is a native of the state of New York. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Adams numbers three.

Alwin E. Adams is the only one of the fourteen grandchildren to have been born on the old Adams homestead at Empire, where he passed the first ten years of his life. He began his education in the public schools of that town

and completed it in the district school in Eden township. He always remained at home and assisted his father with the cultivation of the farm until the latter's retirement, when he took charge of the place. He is directing his undertakings along the lines of general agriculture and is meeting with a fair measure of success. He has continued the improvements started by his father, who erected a modern house and barns in 1900, and is making theirs one of the model farms of the township.

Mr. Adams was married in 1908 to Miss Clara Rather, a daughter of Adolph and Matilda Rather, and a native of Calumet, this county. Mr. Adams is clerk of school district No. 2, and is giving efficient service in this capacity. In matters of religious faith he is a Methodist, while Mrs. Adams is a member of the German Lutheran church, in the faith of which she was reared.

FREDERICK BAUMHARDT.

Frederick Baumhardt, who follows farming in Eden township, is the owner of a tract of ninety acres on section 28. It was in that township that his birth occurred on the 16th of January, 1864, his parents being Jacob and Elizabeth (Brim) Baumhardt, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Samuel Baumhardt, a brother of our subject. Mr. Baumhardt, of this review, was one of a family of seven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Charles, Samuel, Frederick, Matilda, Carolina and Amelia.

Frederick Baumhardt obtained his education in the old log schoolhouse of the home locality, pursuing his studies in the winter months and assisting in the work of the home farm during the summer seasons. He assisted his father in the labors of the fields until twenty-nine years of age, when the latter sold him the farm of ninety acres on which he has since resided. In 1906 he erected a modern residence and in 1909 built a commodious and substantial barn. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and his well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

In 1894 Mr. Baumhardt was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Robson, a native of Osceola, Wisconsin, and a daughter of George and Rosa (Buss) Robson. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baumhardt have been born seven children, namely: Arthur John and Frank, who died in infancy; William; Ida; Albert; Adolph; and Mabel. The parents are devoted and consistent members of the Methodist church in Campbellsport. In the community where his entire life has been spent Frederick Baumhardt enjoys an enviable reputation as an esteemed citizen and substantial agriculturist.

GUSTAVE HODORFF.

Gustave Hodorff is one of the many German citizens who are becoming prominent in the agricultural development of Osceola township. He is now cultivating one hundred and sixty acres in that section of Fond du Lac county and has brought his farm to a highly improved and well cultivated condition. He was born in Germany in 1849 and is a son of Christian and Mary Hodorff. His parents lived and died in the fatherland and their son received his early education in the efficient schools of Germany. He came to the United States in 1873 and entered the district schools of Eden township in order to learn the English

language. He made the journey from Germany to America in company with his sister, Christina, whose family settled in Eden. Here Gustave Hodorff joined his brother John, who had come to this section from Germany several years before. He immediately obtained work in the quarries near Eden where he was employed for two years. He spent a like period of time working on the farms of the district as a monthly laborer. In 1878 he married and worked for one summer as a quarryman and at the expiration of that time purchased a farm in the south section of Eden township which he improved and operated until 1882. He was successful in his agricultural operations and his harvests were abundant and of good quality. However, he eventually sold his property near Eden and bought a farm in Osceola township where he has resided since that time. To his initiative are due all buildings and improvements upon his property and he has brought his one hundred and sixty acres to a highly improved state of cultivation.

In 1878 Mr. Hodorff was united in marriage to Miss Mary Smith, a daughter of Andrew Smith, a pioneer settler of Eden township. They have six children, Andrew, John, Gustave, Mary, Sarah, and Emma.

Politically Mr. Hodorff gives his allegiance to the republican party and has served as supervisor of Osceola township for one term. He has been treasurer of the school district for six years and his work in this capacity has been ably performed. He is loyal to his party principles on national issues but prefers to vote on local issues following his own independent judgment. He belongs to the Evangelical church of Eden and is well known throughout his district as a charitable and exemplary man.

Mr. Hodorff is a patriotic German and loyal in his allegiance to his native country. This loyalty in no way interferes with his American citizenship and rather improves its quality. He did not leave his native country until he had completed his term of military service. He was in the German standing army when the war with France began in 1870 and served with the Second Army Corps, Second Regiment of Infantry. On the 18th of August, 1870, he was shot through the right arm and so severely wounded that he was in a hospital for five months before he could join his regiment in France. He remained for several weeks near Paris before he was mustered out with honorable discharge. When he came to America he gave up his pension of five dollars per month and brought to this country the loyal and patriotic standards of citizenship which have marked his career. He was an active and useful citizen in Germany and his career in the United States has been distinguished by well controlled energy and activity crowned by final and well deserved success.

MIKE GANTENBEIN.

One hundred and twenty-eight acres of land in Ashford township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, well improved and highly cultivated, is what Mike Gantenbein has contributed to the agricultural development of this section. His farm is situated near the village of Campbellsport and is one of the attractive properties of the township. Mr. Gantenbein was born in the district where he is now active, in 1856 and is the son of Christian and Marie (Roher) Gantenbein, natives of Switzerland. The father of our subject came to America with his wife in 1853 and purchased forty acres of land in Fond du Lac county which he cultivated and improved for some time. He afterward settled on the tract of land which his son is now cultivating, and followed farming until his death, in 1889. His wife died in 1878.

Mike Gantenbein was reared upon his father's farm and became acquainted with the details of agriculture by personal experience. He was educated in

the district schools of Ashford township and has continuously resided in this section. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres which constituted his father's homestead and to the cultivation of this land brings a seasoned experience in the most practical methods of farming. His soil is fertile and productive and he gathers rich harvests every year as the reward for the intelligent care and labor which he bestows upon his place.

Mr. Gantenbein married Miss Lizzie Scheid, a daughter of Jacob Scheid, and to their union were born eight children: Christ and Rebecca, both of whom are living at home; Katie, who married Otto Schmidt; Johanna, the wife of Ernst Reinhardt; Mike, who married Barbara Schmidt; Lizzie, now Mrs. John Struebing; Emma, who married Robert Struebing; and Anna, who married William Senn. The family affiliates with the German Lutheran church. Mr. Gantenbein is a republican in his political beliefs, but has never sought public office, devoting his entire time and attention to the improvement of his farm. His place is intelligently operated and responds to the careful supervision and practical methods of its owner by increased fruitfulness, so that Mr. Gantenbein is now classed among the enterprising and successful farmers of Fond du Lac county.

ANDREW DILLON.

Andrew Dillon, who is identified with the general agricultural and stock-raising interests of Eden township, owns and operates the farm where he was born on the 4th of August, 1868. His father, Michael Dillon, was born and reared in Tipperary county, Ireland, but in the early 40's he emigrated to the United States. The first year of his residence in this country was spent in Connecticut where he was married to Miss Bridget Kiernan, also a native of the Emerald isle, who came to America with her sister. In 1847, they came to Fond du Lac county and bought the farm in Eden township now owned by our subject. The entire tract was covered with a dense growth of timber, and after erecting thereon a small log cabin, Mr. Dillon set about clearing his land and placing it under cultivation. This section of the state was very sparsely settled at that time, and pioneering entailed innumerable hardships and privations, but both Mr. and Mrs. Dillon were young and energetic, and despite the difficulties and obstacles they encountered never lost courage. As success came to them they were able to live better and later erected a more comfortable house closer to the road, and here their son Andrew, the youngest of their eight children, was born. Mr. Dillon was ambitious and enterprising and as his circumstances warranted increasing his holdings by the purchase of other land including the tract opposite his homestead, on which he erected a modern house in 1883. There both parents passed away, the father's death occurring on the 10th of February, 1895, at the age of seventy-two years, while the mother, who survived him until 1907, was eighty-two at the time of her demise.

Andrew Dillon was reared at home and educated in the public schools, which he attended until he was sixteen. After leaving school he assisted with the work of the home farm until 1902, when he and his brother James, who is now deceased, purchased the property from the other heirs. They engaged in co-operative farming until 1907, when Mr. Dillon bought his brother's interest. He is progressive and enterprising in his methods as is evidenced by the appearance and condition of the place. His fields are under high cultivation and annually yield large harvests that amply reward him for his labor. His buildings are kept in good repair and in 1909 he erected a large barn with thoroughly modern appointments.

In 1906, Mr. Dillon was married to Miss Josephine Ryan, a native of Eden

township and a daughter of Thomas M. Ryan, a well known farmer in this vicinity, and to them have been born two sons, Raymond and Thomas.

The parents are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, belonging to St. James' parish, and Mr. Dillon also holds membership in the Catholic Order of Foresters. He gives his political support to the republican party, and has served three years as supervisor of Eden township and one term as assessor. Having passed his entire life in this vicinity, Mr. Dillon is widely known and has many friends whose esteem and confidence he has held from boyhood.

ADOLPH ENGEL.

Adolph Engel, who has owned and operated a bottling plant in Fond du Lac for twenty years, was born in Germany on the 2d of November, 1850. He is a son of Frederick and Amelia (Engel) Engel, also natives of Germany, where for many years the father followed the trade of carpet weaver. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Engel, as follows: August, who married Augusta Schultz, of Mansfield, this state, and has five children; Amelia, who died in 1909, and who was the wife of Emil Thomas by whom she had seven children, all of whom are residents of Merrill, Wisconsin; Herman, who passed away in 1892; Mary, the wife of William Folk, and the mother of five children, who resides in Seymour, this state; Adolph, our subject; and Renka, the wife of William Rocko of Minnesota by whom she has seven children.

The education of Adolph Engel was acquired in Germany, where he attended the public schools until he was thirteen and a half years of age. He was subsequently apprenticed in the carpenter's trade, completing his period of service when he was seventeen years old. On the 17th of October, 1867, he became a resident of Wisconsin, where he followed his trade as a carpenter with success until 1892, when he turned his attention to commercial activities and engaged in the bottling business. During the twenty years in which he has been identified with this enterprise Mr. Engel has met with success and has acquired some valuable property in addition to his home and his bottling plant.

Adolph Engel married Miss Augusta Kuba of this city and to them has been born one son, Herman, who is in partnership in business with his father. Mr. and Mrs. Engel are members of the Lutheran church, and the former is fraternally affiliated with the Sons of Herman. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, which he has supported since granted the right of franchise. He possesses the sterling qualities of thrift and industry that characterize the majority of the German people, and to this fact must be attributed the prosperity he is now enjoying, as he has made his own way since early boyhood.

GEORGE BAUMHARDT.

George Baumhardt is the owner of a valuable farm in Eden township in the cultivation of which he has been actively engaged for more than twenty-eight years. He was born in a little log cabin on the old homestead in this township on the 26th of September, 1859, his parents being George and Louisa (Louck) Baumhardt. They were born, reared and married in Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States with their two eldest children, Caroline and Martha. Upon their arrival in this country they first located in Henry county, Ohio, residing there for two years, during which time their daughter Louisa was born. They next came to Fond du Lac county, first locating in Byron, but

eighteen months later the father bought a farm in Eden township, which he diligently cultivated until his death in 1899 at the age of seventy-five years. The mother was sixty-nine when she passed away in 1892.

George Baumhardt shared with his family the hardships and privations incident to pioneering and while still in his early boyhood began assisting with the farm work. His education was obtained in a little log schoolhouse, which he attended during the winter sessions. He remained at home and helped his father with the cultivation of the homestead until 1884, when he leased the place he now owns and began farming on his own account. These holdings comprise eighty acres and it was then the property of the father, who subsequently sold it to our subject. During the period of his ownership, Mr. Baumhardt has wrought extensive improvements in the place, and has since added one hundred and sixty acres to his original farm, making in all two hundred and forty acres. It is now one of the best equipped and most highly cultivated farms in the community.

On the 6th of January, 1886, Mr. Baumhardt was married to Miss Susan Fitzgerald, a daughter of Thomas and Deborah Fitzgerald, a native of Eden township, where she was likewise reared and educated. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Baumhardt, but only six are living, one son, Thomas Leonard, having died in infancy. The others are as follows: Catharine, who married William Riley; George; Susan Margaret, the wife of Nicholas Kerrig; Edward; John; and Mary Viola. Mr. and Mrs. Baumhardt are members of the Roman Catholic church. In his political convictions he is an independent republican, and for twenty-four years he has been school treasurer. He is one of the ambitious and enterprising men of his township, and such success as has come to him is the result of his diligence and individual effort.

SAMUEL H. MARTIN, D. V. S.

Dr. Samuel H. Martin, who is recognized as one of the leading veterinary surgeons who have practiced in Wisconsin and was state humane agent for nine years, was born in the city of Fond du Lac on June 9, 1859. His father was Samuel Martin, a native of Belfast, Ireland, who emigrated to the United States in 1851. He was a dairyman and veterinary surgeon and settled in Fond du Lac, being the first representative of his profession to locate in this county. The mother, whose maiden name was Mary Pinkney was born in Connecticut.

Dr. Martin was reared at home and educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac. In common with the majority of lads he early manifested a desire to see the world and so at the age of seventeen he left the parental roof and went west and during ten years spent in the land of opportunities took a course in veterinary surgery at the Iowa State Agricultural College, located at Ames, that state, being awarded his degree of D. V. S., in 1879. Returning to Wisconsin, he began practicing in Beaver Dam, where he resided for three years. At the expiration of that time he returned to Fond du Lac and opened a livery stable which he conducted in connection with the practice of his profession. He is a very capable man and met with such success that he acquired much more than a local reputation. In 1898, he disposed of his interests here and went to East Aurora, New York, to take charge of the stables of J. C. and Harry Hamlin. They were at that time the owners of some of the finest stables in this country and had eight hundred trotting horses. He remained in their service for five years and at the expiration of that period went to Philadelphia as veterinary surgeon and trainer for John M. Mack. Two years later he severed this connection and went to Pomfret, Connecticut, where for a year he served J. C. Harrison in the same capacity. At the end of that time he once more located in Fond du Lac and until

a short time ago when he removed to St. Francis, Minnesota, was engaged in practice here, meeting with excellent success.

Dr. Martin married Miss Margaret Boulmus of Racine, Wisconsin, and both he and his wife are members of the Episcopal church. He belongs to the National Fraternal League, and in his political views is republican. During the first period of his practice as veterinary surgeon at Fond du Lac he was appointed state humane agent by Governor Upham, and served in that capacity for nine years, resigning his office when he went east. Dr. Martin is very highly esteemed in Fond du Lac, where he has passed the greater part of his life, and has many stanch friends, the majority of whom have known him from boyhood.

HERMAN A. MICHLER.

Herman A. Michler is the owner of a wagon and carriage shop located at 31 Third street, Fond du Lac, which he has been conducting with constantly increasing success for twenty-eight years. Not only has he won recognition as a capable and efficient business man, but he has also at various times been prominently identified with public affairs, and in the discharge of his official duties he has manifested the same qualities that characterize him in his transactions in private life.

His birth occurred in Germany, on the 4th of January, 1862, his parents being William and Charlotte Michler, who emigrated to the United States in 1872. Their family numbered six, all of whom are living, our subject being the eldest. Otto, who is the next in order of birth, married Annie Guse, a daughter of William and Wilhelmina Guse of Fond du Lac, and they have five children: Martha, Max, Gertrude, Elmer and Dorothy. William C. married Louisa Wust, a daughter of Ferdinand Wust, and to them have been born four children: Ruth Arthur, Charlotte and Harold. Erma married William Bannasch of Fond du Lac, and they have one daughter, Valeria. Charles A. chose for his wife Elizabeth Capella, a daughter of Herman Capella of Plymouth and they have one son, Willis. Albert, the youngest member of the family, is an invalid and has never married.

The first ten years in the life of Herman A. Michler were passed in the land of his birth, where he began his education. He subsequently continued his studies in St. Peter's parochial school of this city until he was a youth of fourteen years, when he laid aside his text-books and began his business training. During the succeeding three years he followed various pursuits, such as lads of that age usually engage in, and in that period became an apprentice in the blacksmith shop of Henry Bloedel. When his period of service was ended, he entered the employ of Giddings & Lewis. He remained with them for a year and then took a position with L. F. Haas, for whom he worked for four years. It was his ambition to have a shop of his own, and although he had practically no capital he managed to acquire the necessary equipment and on the 22d of December, 1884, engaged in business for himself. From the very first he made it a point not to turn out any work that was not a credit to his establishment, and as he was a skilled mechanic, used good material and made prompt deliveries his patrons took delight in recommending him and his work, and as a result he rapidly built up a good trade. The policy he adopted on first starting out in business he has rigidly maintained, and as a result he has a well established and thriving industry and numbers among his patrons many of the leading citizens of both city and county whose names have appeared on his books for more than a quarter of a century. Mr. Michler is a man of enterprising and progressive methods and his shop is provided with a thoroughly modern equipment and is unquestionably one of the finest establishments of the kind in the county.

For his wife and helpmate, Mr. Michler chose Miss Eliza Abel, a daughter of Frederick and Anna (Kayser) Abel of Fond du Lac, and to them have been born three children, Louisa, Walter and Margaret.

The family are members of the Lutheran church of which Mr. Michler is one of the trustees, and in politics he is a democrat. He has served as a member of the board of county supervisors and also as alderman from his ward, while for several years he was a member of the school board. He is a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank and has been a member of the board of directors of this institution ever since its organization in 1911. The prosperity that has attended the efforts of Mr. Michler has not come easily nor has his career been without obstacles and defeats, these, however, have only proven incentives to yet greater effort on his part and his years of unremitting diligence have at last been crowned with success.

TIMOTHY ALOYSIUS HARDGROVE, D. D. S.

Dr. Timothy Aloysius Hardgrove, a practicing dentist of Fond du Lac, is one of the best known and most prominent members of the profession in this county. He maintains his offices in the Commercial National Bank building and has his residence at No. 103 Third street. His birth occurred in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on the 7th of July, 1874, his parents being Timothy and Bridget (O'Loughlin) Hardgrove, both of whom are natives of County Clare, Ireland. His paternal grandparents, Henry and Mary (Hines) Hardgrove, passed away in Eden township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, the former dying at the age of ninety-six and the latter at the age of seventy-five. Henry Hardgrove followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. He was a man of strong character and deep practical education. Unto him and his wife were born thirteen children, namely: Frank (a daughter), John, Henry, Bridget, Timothy, Mary, Elizabeth, Ellen, Richard, George, Jane, Margaret and one who died in early life. Peter and Bridget (O'Dea) O'Loughlin, the maternal grandparents of our subject, were early settlers in Taycheedah township, this county. Peter O'Loughlin served as county surveyor for a number of years and was a well educated and highly cultured Irishman. He passed away at the age of sixty-two, while his wife was seventy-three years old when called to her final rest. Their children were as follows: Catharine, Bridget, Susan, Mary, Margaret, Joseph, Peter, Michael, Patrick, Terrence, Gilbert, Ella and one who died in early life. Peter O'Loughlin, the father of this large family, was an agriculturist by occupation.

Timothy Hardgrove, the father of Dr. T. A. Hardgrove, was six years of age when taken by his parents to Toronto, Canada, while subsequently the family removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He grew to manhood in Forest township, Fond du Lac county, where his parents had taken up their abode among the early settlers. In early manhood he devoted his attention to farming but later came to Fond du Lac and was there engaged in the grocery business for a time, while later he served in the capacity of chief of police for a few years. Subsequently he conducted a grocery establishment at Eden and afterward served as under sheriff for a few years. He gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has long been an active factor in the local ranks of his party, having served as chairman of the town of Eden for many years and also as postmaster for a number of years. At the present time he is engaged in farming on a small scale at Eden. Mrs. Timothy (O'Loughlin) Hardgrove previous to her marriage was a teacher and is a person possessing noble traits of character and a splendid education. Both he and his wife are devoted communicants of the Catholic church and are numbered among the valued and esteemed citizens of the community. They have six children, as follows: Joseph, who is superintendent and principal of the high school at Manawa, Wisconsin; George, an undertaker of

Fond du Lac; Timothy A., of this review; J. Gilbert, an attorney of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mary, who is an assistant librarian of the Fond du Lac public library; and Ella, who follows the profession of teaching in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Timothy A. Hardgrove, whose name introduces this review, was reared in Eden, Wisconsin, and attended the public schools of that place. After putting aside his text-books he learned the cooper's trade and also worked at farming. In 1897 he came to Fond du Lac and for a short time was employed as a hotel clerk. Having determined upon the practice of dentistry as a life work, he studied that profession under Drs. Hildreth and Gillett and subsequently entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, which institution conferred upon him the degree of D. D. S. After his graduation he remained a dental practitioner of Chicago for eight years and then returned to Fond du Lac, where he has since maintained his offices and where he is enjoying a liberal and lucrative practice. While a resident of the western metropolis he was a member of the teaching staff of dental surgery in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. He is now lecturer of special pathology in Marquette University of Milwaukee. Dr. Hardgrove is a member of the executive council of the Wisconsin State Dental Society and a member of the board of censors of the Fox River Valley Dental Society and also belongs to the Fond du Lac Dental Society. Of the two last named organizations he has served as president.

On the 19th of June, 1902, Dr. Hardgrove was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Veronica McKenna, a young lady accomplished in music and of high intellectual attainments and a daughter of Maurice and Nellie (Fagan) McKenna. Her paternal grandparents were Maurice and Mary (Mullane) McKenna and her maternal grandparents were John and Mary (Cody) Fagan. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Hardgrove have been born three children: Maurice A., Joseph McKenna and Mary Elizabeth. Attractive social qualities have gained Dr. Hardgrove a host of friends and his position is one of distinctive preferment in both social and professional circles.

WALTER J. HOBBS.

Walter J. Hobbs is one of the stockholders of the Ripon Produce Company and manages their creameries here and at Marshfield. He was born at Winooski, Sheboygan county, this state, on the 2d of June, 1867, and is a son of Joseph J. and Susan (Henry) Hobbs, natives of England. The parents came to America with their parents in early life and located in Sheboygan county during the pioneer period. The father, who was a merchant, was for thirty years engaged in business at Winooski, but disposed of his store in 1897 and now lives retired at Brandon, this state. The mother, however, has passed away, her death having occurred in June, 1884. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Hobbs, all of whom are living with the exception of two. Joseph J. Hobbs was actively interested in politics in early life and is one of the foremost citizens of his community.

The education of Walter J. Hobbs was obtained in the public schools of his native county, where he passed his boyhood and early youth. In 1885, he came to Fond du Lac county and took a position in the cheese factory of Daniel Jones, in whose employ he remained for six years. At the expiration of that period, in 1891, he went to Brandon and bought the creamery and cheese factory of Charles Hazen, in the operation of which he was associated with his brother A. H. Hobbs. He met with good success in the conduct of this enterprise but he disposed of it in 1903 and purchased the farm of Norman Miller, located in the vicinity of Ripon. His entire time and energy was devoted to the development of this place during the succeeding four years, and then he sold it and

bought stock in the Ripon Produce Company. Mr. Hobbs is thoroughly familiar with the operation of creameries, owing to his long experience in this connection, and since he has been associated with this company has had charge of their local plant and also the one at Marshfield, but he resides in Ripon.

On the 24th of April, 1895, Walter J. Hobbs was married to Miss Mary A. Cole, a daughter of Alamanda and Louisa Cole, early settlers of Dodge county, whence they later removed to Brandon. Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs have one son, Glenway, who is attending high school.

The family attend the services of the Congregational church, in which Mrs. Hobbs holds membership. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He votes the republican ticket, but has never been identified with municipal affairs, although he is public-spirited in matters of citizenship and takes a personal interest in the progress and development of the community.

WILLIAM F. WEBER.

William F. Weber, editor and publisher of the *Nordwestlicher Courier* and the *Daheim* at Fond du Lac, was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, in the village of Schwendi, October 3, 1851, his parents being Carl and Victoria (Weber) Weber, both of whom were natives of Germany. The latter was a daughter of Michael Weber, a carpenter and contractor, who died in that country in middle life. The father, Carl Weber, was in the government service in Germany for a number of years, and there passed away in 1855 at the age of forty-nine years. His wife survived him and came to America in 1872, settling first in Chicago, but in 1874 she removed with her son to Fond du Lac and lived with him until her death which occurred January 24, 1907, when she had reached the age of eighty-four years, four months and four days. Both were members of the Catholic church. They had but two children, the daughter being Mary, the deceased wife of Henry Bormann, a resident of Hammond, Indiana.

The only son, William F. Weber, lived in Germany until twenty years of age, and after acquiring a common-school education there learned the book-binder's trade. In 1871 he came to the United States, reaching Chicago on the 28th of September, only a few days before the memorable conflagration which began on the 9th of October. He found employment in that city after the fire, there remaining until 1873 when he went to Marquette, Michigan, and worked in the office of the *Marquette Mining Journal* as a binder. The following year, however, he returned to Chicago but not finding employment to suit him he left there in July and came to Fond du Lac where he established a bindery business. In April, 1878, he purchased the *Nordwestlicher Courier* of Fred de Haas & Brothers, and has conducted the paper to the present time. It is a German weekly and an independent democrat in politics. In 1884 he also established a Sunday paper called *Daheim*, and in 1880, at West Bend, Wisconsin, he began the publication of the *Deutscher Beobachter*, which he afterward sold to Ernst Frankenberg. That paper is still being published. In 1883 he established a paper in Racine called the *Racine Correspondent*, which is also still published, and in 1888 he began the publication of an English daily called the *Daily News*. This was a morning paper which he published for three years. In connection with the *Nordwestlicher Courier* he conducts a job printing office, doing a general business of that character, resulting in gratifying profits. In 1910 he purchased the *Wisconsin Telegraph* and also the *Dienstagsblatt* of Oshkosh, which he still publishes. He has thus become widely

known to the newspaper fraternity and his life record is a credit to the history of journalism in Wisconsin.

On the 15th of May, 1877, Mr. Weber was married to Miss Matilda Weber, a daughter of Benedict and Josephine (Weiss) Weber. They became the parents of thirteen children. Josephine died in early childhood. Amalia is engaged in dressmaking. Carl, superintendent of the waterworks in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and well known as an electrical engineer, wedded Miss Mary Scotten and they have one daughter, Frances. Matilda is the wife of Leo Dana of Fond du Lac, and they have two daughters, Margaret and Mary. Ella is a student at the Art Institute in Chicago. Leo is manager of the job department of the Nordwestlichter Courier. Norbert is assistant advertising manager for the Northwestern Yeast Company of Chicago, Paul is in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company. Mary operates a typesetting machine in her father's office. Roman, William, Raymond and Florian are all at home.

Mr. Weber has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in America for here in this land where opportunity is open to all he has made continuous progress, wisely using his time, talents and opportunities until he has gained for himself a creditable position in journalistic circles in Wisconsin.

JOHN F. MEADE.

John F. Meade is one of the diligent and progressive agriculturists of Eden township, where he has passed practically his entire life, his birth having occurred on a farm in the vicinity of his present home on the 14th of October, 1862. The father, Thomas Meade, was born and reared in County Louth, Ireland, whence he emigrated to the United States in 1843. He came direct to Fond du Lac county and upon his arrival here filed on government land in Eden township, which he cultivated during the remainder of his active life. Soon after he located here he married Miss Bridget McGinty, also a native of the Emerald isle, who came to America with her parents. The young couple began their domestic life in a little log cabin, where our subject, who is the eldest in a family of eleven, was born. The father passed away on the home farm on the 2d of April, 1905, but the mother is still living and now makes her home in Fond du Lac.

At the usual age John F. Meade began his education in the district schools. He attended both the summer and winter sessions until he was old enough to assist his father with the work of the farm, after which his summers were devoted to the work of the fields and care of the crops. Under the capable supervision of his father he early acquired a thorough practical knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of the agriculturist and has ever since devoted himself to this vocation with the exception of one winter when he worked in the lumber camps in the northern part of the state. When he was twenty-seven he was married and subsequently located on the place he now owns, and for three years thereafter was associated with his father in the cultivation of it and the old homestead. In 1892, Mr. Meade acquired the title to his farm and during the intervening years has wrought many and extensive improvements on it, including the erection of a modern house and large, commodious barns. He is an enterprising, industrious man and takes great pride in the appearance of his place, as is evidenced by the well kept buildings and fences and the condition of his fields.

In 1889, Mr. Meade was married to Miss Mary Timblin, a daughter of Michael Timblin and a native of Forrest township, and to them have been born six children: Sarah Genevieve, Thomas Eugene, Mary Gertrude, Rosella Margaret, Lillian Bridget and Alice Eileen.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, being affiliated with St. James parish and Mr. Meade is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters in the Eden lodge and a member of the purchasing committee. His political support he gives to the democratic party and has been serving for twelve years as a school director in his district. Such success as has come to Mr. Meade is the result of unremitting energy and earnest purpose directed toward the achievement of a definite end and is fully merited.

FRANK H. BECHAUD.

As secretary and treasurer of the Bechaud Brewery Company, Frank H. Bechaud has for forty-one years been closely and successfully identified with the business interests of Fond du Lac. He was born in Germany on the 19th of January, 1848, and is a son of John P. and Josephine (Tillman) Bechaud, who were born, reared and married in the fatherland. They emigrated to the United States in 1851 and located in Fond du Lac, where for four years the father conducted a hotel. At the expiration of that time he bought a farm and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Twelve years later, however, he withdrew from active work and lived retired until his death in 1876. He was long survived by the mother, who passed away in 1909. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Bechaud, four of whom are still living. Adolph married Elizabeth Kraemer and they have six children, Louisa, Josephine, August, Adolph, Jr., Lottie and Elizabeth. John B. married Mary Kraemer and they have seven children, Josephine, Ida, Rudolph, Louis, Armand, Amelia E. and Pierre. Armand, who is a druggist at Chehalis, Washington, married Bertha Zimmermann of Fond du Lac, and to them have been born four children, Erma, Royal, Pierre and Wilbur. Frank H. is the subject of this sketch.

Frank H. Bechaud, who was a child of only three years when he was brought to the United States by his parents, obtained his education in the public schools of this city. At the age of twelve years his school days were terminated and he began assisting his father with the work of the farm. Later, however, he left home and went to work in the lumber regions of this state, where he was employed for several years. In 1871, at the age of twenty-three years, he became associated with his brothers Adolph and John B., in the organization and establishment of a brewery. They have ever since been engaged in the operation of this establishment in which they have met with a good measure of success.

Frank H. Bechaud married Miss Annie Abel of this city and to them have been born three daughters, Cora, Laura and Mary.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Bechaud belongs to the Sons of Herman. He votes with the democratic party, and although he is not remiss in matters of citizenship has never sought political preferment. He is held in high respect in the community as he is a man of integrity and conducts his business transactions in an honorable and straightforward manner.

THOMAS M. RYAN.

Thomas M. Ryan carries on general farming and stock-raising in Eden township, where he owns eighty acres of fertile land, that he has been cultivating for twenty-four years. He is a native of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred on his father's farm in Eden township on the 27th of April, 1855, and a son of Martin and Helen (McMann) Ryan. The father was born and reared in Ireland, whence he emigrated to the United States in his early manhood and

located in New York state, where he resided for two or three years. The mother, who was also a native of the Emerald isle, came to America a year or two after Mr. Ryan did and they were married in Troy, New York. In 1847, they came to Fond du Lac county, locating in Eden township. Here the father bought some timber land that he set about clearing and improving, devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his active life. He subsequently turned the farm over to his son Michael and retired. For two years thereafter he lived in Eden, but at the end of that time he removed to Campbellsport, where he passed away on the 4th of November, 1895, at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. Ryan had been given the advantages of a very good education for that period and was one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of his township. He took an active interest in all public affairs, and served as school clerk in his district during the greater part of his residence there and he was also township treasurer for several years. Of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan five are still living, as is also the mother who is now eighty years of age and makes her home in Eden.

The education of Thomas M. Ryan was acquired in the district school, which he attended at irregular intervals during the winter months, when his services were not required at home. For several years after laying aside his text-books when the fall work about the farm was completed he went into the pine woods and worked until it was time to begin the spring planting. In 1888, he bought the farm where he is now residing and has ever since devoted his energies to its further improvement and cultivation. He erected a modern house and barn in 1893, and now owns one of the well equipped and highly cultivated farms in the community. In connection with his farming Mr. Ryan owns a threshing outfit that he has been operating for the past nineteen years, having been one of the first to engage in this work in the county.

In 1887, Mr. Ryan was married to Miss Margaret Meade, who was born in Eden township and is a daughter of Thomas and Bridget Meade, one of the early pioneer families of Fond du Lac county. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan: Josephine, the wife of Andrew Dillon; Alice, who married Ernest E. Lurvey; and Charlotte, Thomas Irvin, Florence, Blanche, Francis, Emmett and Bernet, at home.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, being members of St. James parish, and Mr. Ryan is a charter member of the Catholic Order of Foresters at Eden, and was one of the first officers in that lodge. He is one of the diligent and enterprising men of his township, where he has passed his entire life and has many friends, the majority of whom have known him from childhood.

NICHOLAS E. COSGROVE.

Nicholas E. Cosgrove, who has been a resident of Fond du Lac county since early boyhood, has been engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty-three acres in Eden township. His birth occurred in Washington county, Wisconsin, on the 25th of September, 1858, his parents being Patrick and Mary (Smith) Cosgrove, who came to this country from Ireland. For several years the parents made their home in the state of New York and in 1855 removed to Washington county, Wisconsin, there residing until 1867. In that year Patrick Cosgrove came to Fond du Lac county and purchased land in the town of Eden, spending the remainder of his life on the home farm there. His demise occurred on the 26th of October, 1903, when he had attained the venerable age of ninety-five years. He had resided in this county for more than a third of a

century and was well known and highly esteemed within its borders. His wife was called to her final rest in 1901, when seventy-two years of age. To them were born five children, three of whom survive.

As a youth Nicholas E. Cosgrove pursued his education in the district school during the winter months and throughout the remainder of the year assisted in the work on the home farm. His educational opportunities were somewhat limited, for this part of the country was still in a comparatively undeveloped condition and the boys of that period spent most of their time at work. He remained on the home farm and assisted in its operation until thirty-three years of age, when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing the farm of one hundred and eighty-three acres which has remained in his possession ever since. He has erected a substantial and commodious residence and also good barns, and has greatly improved his property in various other ways. The prosperity which has come to him is well merited, for he has worked untiringly and intelligently in the cultivation of his fields.

On the 14th of June, 1888, Mr. Cosgrove was united in marriage to Miss Julia Clark, a native of Fond du Lac county and a daughter of James Clark. To Mr. and Mrs. Cosgrove have been born four children: Francis, who passed away at the age of nine years; Mary, whose birth occurred on the 25th of May, 1891; Rosa, whose natal day was March 26, 1895; and Leo, who was born on the 19th of October, 1901. The family are communicants of St. James Catholic church. Mr. Cosgrove is a charter member of the Foresters at Eden and in every relation of life has won the respect and unqualified confidence of those with whom he has come into contact.

ALFRED HOWARD.

Alfred Howard is numbered among the native sons of Fond du Lac county and among the successful, energetic and enterprising young farmers of Ashford township. Here he owns and operates a fine tract of land constituting the family homestead and has added to the improvements begun by his father, working along modern and systematic lines. He was born on June 26, 1879 on the farm which he now cultivates, and is the son of William and Albertina (Mitzloff) Howard, the former a native of England and the latter of Germany. The father came to America when he was a young man and settled in Wisconsin. He worked in the paper mills of this state and also followed general farming for a number of years, renting first and afterward purchasing a fertile tract of land in Ashford township. This he improved and developed and upon it he lived until his death, which occurred in 1900, at the age of eighty-one years. He was a well known and representative citizen and an honored veteran of the Mexican war. His wife is still surviving and lives with her son William. They had eight children: William; Alfred, of this review; Henry; Edward, who has passed away; Elizabeth; May; Minnie; and Emma.

Alfred Howard was born upon the farm which he now operates and has always been connected with the development and improvement of this tract of land. He aided his father in the work of tilling and cultivating the soil and in the various other farm labors until the age of twenty-four, when he purchased the homestead. Since that time he has given his energies and attention to making it one of the model properties in the district and has added many improvements.

In 1907 Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Lena Yancy, a native of Minnesota, and they are the parents of two children; Francelia, born Sep-

tember 26, 1908; and Leslie, born February 22, 1911. Mrs. Howard belongs to the Baptist church.

Mr. Howard affiliates with the republican party. He is one of the progressive and promising young farmers in Ashford township. His methods are up-to-date and his business ability is of high order. Success has come to him as a natural result of intelligent labor along systematic lines, aided by personal experience.

S. M. PEDRICK.

S. M. Pedrick, attorney at law, who since 1897 has engaged in practice in Ripon and since the 1st of January, 1898, has been associated with Colonel George W. Carter in the law firm of Carter & Pedrick, was born in this city on the 31st of August, 1868. His father, Marcellus Pedrick, was a native of Westchester county, New York, born in 1828. Marcellus Pedrick came to Ripon in April, 1849, with his father, Samuel Pedrick, and the family, and from that time to the present the name of Pedrick has figured prominently in the annals of this city, the grandfather having been the builder of the first house in 1849 in the then new village of Ripon. This building was afterward used as a school-house and for many years was a landmark here. Samuel Pedrick was proprietor of a lumber mill in New York but had little opportunity to engage in business here for death called him in 1850. In the early '60s Marcellus Pedrick was engaged in the grain and commission business in Ripon and in 1869 entered into active connection with the lumber business in the northern part of the state. He also had local yards in Ripon for many years and in fact continued in active connection with the lumber trade to the time of his retirement. Study of the market, close application and capable control of his business brought him substantial success. He died in Ripon in 1899 and the city thereby lost one of its valued and honored business men and residents. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Smith, was also a native of New York. They were married in Columbia county, Wisconsin, on the 12th of February, 1858, and Mrs. Pedrick, surviving her husband for about four years, passed away in 1903.

S. M. Pedrick is one of three children. At the usual age he entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school with the class of 1886. He later entered Ripon College and completed his course in that institution in 1891. For a year he taught in the Ripon city schools, after which he spent two years in the law school of the State University and won his LL. B. degree. Practical experience came to him as clerk in the law office of E. C. Eastman, of Marinette, Wisconsin, with whom he remained for one year, after which he spent two years with Wells, Brigham & Upham, in Milwaukee. In 1897 he came to Ripon and on the 1st of January following entered into partnership relations with Colonel Carter, in an association that has since been maintained. This is one of the strong law firms of the city and to them is accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage, connecting them with much of the most important litigation held in the courts of the district. Mr. Pedrick has the indispensable qualities of the resourceful lawyer and always prepares his cases with great thoroughness.

On the 12th of December, 1899, occurred the marriage of S. M. Pedrick and Miss Mildred Robbins, of Oshkosh, and unto them have been born two children, Marcella and Mildred. Mr. Pedrick holds membership with the Masons and Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Bar Association and of the American Bar Association, of the Wisconsin branch of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Wisconsin State Historical Society and of the Ripon



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Historical Society. He is a democrat in politics and his church affiliations are with the Congregationalists. He is secretary and general manager of the Ripon United Telephone Company, the recent consolidation of telephone interests in Ripon. He is prominent in community affairs and has been active along those lines leading to intellectual progress. He has served on the library board, was on the school board for eight years and has been a member of the official board of trustees of Ripon College since 1889. He was its treasurer for six years and at the present writing is secretary of the board. His position concerning any line of permanent benefit is never an equivocal one and what he has done for advancement establishes him as one of its staunch champions.

BONDUEL A. AND BERTHOLD JUNEAU HUSTING.

Bonduel A. and Berthold Juneau Husting constitute the well known law firm of Husting & Husting of Fond du Lac, a firm that by the consensus of public opinion stands in the front rank among the leading representatives of the legal profession in eastern Wisconsin. While the paternal grandfather of the brothers died in Luxemburg, his native country, when in middle life, his widow afterward came to the United States with her children, in 1852, and settled in Dodge county, Wisconsin, there founding the family on American soil. She lived to enjoy her new home for a long period, passing away when in old age. She was the mother of a large family. Her husband was twice married and by his first union also had several children.

John P. Husting, the father, was born in Luxemburg, Germany, and was fourteen or fifteen years of age when he accompanied his mother to the new world. From Dodge county he removed to Fond du Lac, where he began learning the jeweler's trade under Gustave Kuenne, since which time he has been conducting business along that line. In 1876 he removed to Mayville and has since been proprietor of a jewelry store at that place. He married Mary Juneau, a native of Theresa, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Solomon Juneau, who was born at Terre Bonne, Canada, and who became the founder of Milwaukee. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Vieau, was a daughter of Jacques Vieau, and a granddaughter of Onatesia, the Pottawattomie Indian chief. Solomon Juneau, long a prominent factor in Wisconsin, his labors doing much to shape the history of the state, died at Shawano, while paying off the Indians for the government. His wife passed away the same year—1852—at Theresa, Dodge county, Wisconsin. They were the parents of thirteen children: Narcisse M.; Paul, the founder of Juneau, the county seat of Dodge county and a member of the first legislature; Theresa; Harriet; Bonduel; Louis; Eugene; Olive; Frank; Ella; Mary; and two who died in childhood. Two of the sons, Narcisse and Bonduel, as government agents, conveyed the Indians from this state to Kansas and the Indian Territory.

As previously stated, Mary Juneau became the wife of John P. Husting, and both were well known in Wisconsin as representatives of prominent pioneer families. Both were reared in the Catholic faith, to which they have always adhered. Mr. Husting served as postmaster of Mayville under Grover Cleveland and has also been city treasurer there. Unto him and his wife have been born seven sons and a daughter, namely: Otto, a resident of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; Paul, state senator from Dodge county; Max, of Fargo, North Dakota; Belle, the wife of Judge C. W. Lamoreux, of Dodge county; Leo, who makes his home in Kaukauna, Wisconsin; Bonduel, of this review; Gustav, who is practicing law in Mayville, Wisconsin; and Berthold, also of this review.

Bonduel A. Husting was born in Fond du Lac, June 23, 1874, and Berthold J. Husting was born at Mayville, March 6, 1878. The former was but two

years of age when the family removed to Mayville and there he attended the public schools. When a youth of sixteen he began studying telegraphy and later was employed in that capacity by the Chicago, Burlington & Northern Railway. He entered the law department of the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, with the intention of preparing for the practice of law and after successfully passing the state board examination in 1900 was admitted to the bar that year and located in Fond du Lac, where he has since remained. In 1905 he was elected district attorney, which office he continued to fill for two years, and in 1910 he was reelected to that position, which he is now filling, his reelection being an indication of his creditable service during his previous term and the confidence reposed in him by the general public. He is well known as a leader in political circles and has been secretary of the city and county democratic committees.

On the 23d of June, 1907, Bonduel J. Husting was married to Miss Kate Anderson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Anderson, of Eldorado township. They have two children, Helen and Isabel.

Berthold J. Husting was reared in Mayville and was graduated from the high school there. He, too, pursued his law course in the University of Wisconsin, which he entered in 1897 and from which he was graduated in 1900. The same year he was admitted to the bar but did not at once engage in practice. He was a professional ball player until 1902, when, after four years' experience in that line, he finished with the Philadelphia team under Connie Mack of the American League. In 1902 he came to Fond du Lac and entered into partnership with his brother Bonduel A., since which time they have practiced together. The firm occupies a prominent position in professional circles.

On the 27th of August, 1902, he married Miss Agnes Sternberger, a daughter of Jacob and Francisca (Leute) Sternberger. She was born in Bangor, Wisconsin, and her parents were natives of Germany but became early settlers of Bangor, where her father died in 1889, at the age of seventy-one years. The mother is living, being a resident of Mayville. In their family were four children, of whom three yet survive: Mrs. Julia Ruedebusch, of Mayville; Carl, a resident of Milwaukee; and Mrs. Husting. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Berthold J. Husting have been born two children, Suzanne and John.

Berthold J. Husting is a member of the county board of supervisors and like his brother, is an ardent democrat. Both are recognized as leading workers in party ranks and their opinions carry weight in local political circles. They are devoting their attention, however, chiefly to their professional duties, which are of growing importance as well as of volume. They have been connected with much of the leading litigation tried in the courts of this district and the many verdicts which they have won favorable to their clients are proof of their ability and the care with which they prepare their cases.

JOHN W. SHEA.

John W. Shea is one of the enterprising and well known citizens of Eden township, Fond du Lac county, where he is successfully engaged in the cultivation of his highly developed farm of eighty-seven acres. He was born July 4, 1852, and is a son of William and Mary (Leahy) Shea, both of whom were natives of County Kerry, Ireland. The father emigrated to America in 1842, settling first at Springfield, Massachusetts, where he took up work as a day laborer. He was a man of powerful physique, standing over six feet in height and was known among his associates as a well built and handsome man. He removed from Massachusetts to Wisconsin in 1853, settling in the town of

Osceola, Fond du Lac county, where he established his home. The land he purchased from the government and at that time it was covered with a heavy growth of hardwood timber, and the woods and surrounding country were filled with wild animals common to that part of Wisconsin. The deer could often be seen feeding upon the foliage of the trees he had recently felled. Wolves were abundant and ever constant in their stealthy habits and never failed to fill the evening air with the alarm of their savage wails. In this unbroken wilderness he built a log cabin in which he lived with his family and devoted his attention to the clearing and improving of his farm. He continued to maintain his home on that place during the remaining years of his life which closed in 1898.

Mr. Shea was united in marriage in Springfield, Massachusetts, to Miss Mary Leahy, who with her parents emigrated to America from Ireland in 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Shea became the parents of seven children: John W. our subject, who was born in Massachusetts, July 4, 1852; Daniel; Mary, who died at the age of fifteen; William; Katherine; Maurice; and Michael. The mother of this family passed from this life in September, 1911. Of their family Daniel and Michael still reside on the old homestead where they are engaged in general farming.

John W. Shea was reared at home and received his early education in the old log schoolhouse in the district in which he lived. He remained under the parental roof, and at the age of twenty-one years was compelled to assume the care and management of the home farm as his father became incapacitated to work as a result of an accident sustained in a runaway. At the age of thirty-one John W. Shea purchased a farm of eighty-seven acres in Eden township where he established his home and has since continued to reside here, giving his entire attention to the care and operation of one of the most highly developed and beautiful farms in Fond du Lac county.

Mr. Shea was united in marriage in 1880 to Miss Johannah Cavanaugh, whose parents emigrated from County Kerry, Ireland, in the early '50s. To Mr. and Mrs. Shea six children were born, Mary, Katherine Anne, Ella, Liza, Maurice and Rose. The mother of this family passed away in February, 1899, since which time the father has lived retired, making his home with his only son Maurice, who is actively engaged in the cultivation of his father's place, thus relieving the latter of as much care and responsibility as possible.

Mr. Shea is affiliated with the democratic party but independent in the exercise of his franchise with reference to local affairs. He has never allowed his name to be used for any political office, preferring rather to devote his attention to his personal interests. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church of Eden. Mr. Shea is one of the well known and respected citizens of Fond du Lac county in which he has spent the major portion of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is interested in every public measure seeking the improvement of conditions and circumstances of the people and is in every way a most useful and desirable citizen.

BARTHOL W. JAEGER.

Barthol W. Jaeger, one of the active and progressive agriculturists of Fond du Lac county, has a farm of one hundred acres in Ashford, his native township. He was born on July 10, 1871, upon his father's farm and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hess) Jaeger, natives of Germany. His father was born in that country in 1845 and came to the United States in his infancy. His early life was spent upon his father's farm in Ashford township and he followed agricultural pursuits until he was seventeen years of age. At that time he enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment of heavy artillery, serving for four

years during the Civil war. He was married after his discharge and settled upon the homestead where he cultivated the land until his death which occurred in 1885. His wife is still living and resides in Campbellsport in the sixty-third year of her life. To them were born eight children: John, who is deceased; Barthol, the subject of this sketch; Lena; Mary, who has passed away; John, the second of the name; Henry; Matthias; and William.

Barthol Jaeger received his education in the district schools of his native township and spent his boyhood upon his father's farm. When he was twenty-four years of age he rented the home place and for six years was active and successful in its operation. At the end of that time he purchased forty acres which constituted a portion of the homestead and began its cultivation. Here he is now residing, having met during the period of his residence with well deserved and gratifying success. He has added to his holdings at different times and his farm now consists of one hundred acres of fertile and productive land. He has realized the value and importance of keeping pace with modern advancement in agriculture and his progressive methods have been the strongest factors in his success. He has improved his property, built good modern barns and outbuildings and a comfortable and attractive home, and his enterprise is in every way up-to-date and efficiently conducted.

Mr. Jaeger was united in marriage in 1894 to Miss Helen Phiel, a daughter of Godlieb Phiel of Ashford township, in which section she was born. Mr. and Mrs. Jaeger became the parents of six children: Henry; Leona; Arthur; Alexander, who died in infancy; Leo; and Emma. The family belong to the Roman Catholic church of Ashford.

In his political beliefs Mr. Jaeger is republican, and is interested in all that pertains to general progress and improvement. He was treasurer of the school district for six years and is an ardent supporter of the cause of education. He gives his encouragement to all movements looking to the advancement and growth of his native section and is broad-minded and public-spirited.

EDMUND BLEWETT.

While advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, steady progress has brought Edmund Blewett to an enviable position as a practitioner of law in Fond du Lac, where for eighteen years he has followed his profession. His success is due to determined purpose and natural ability, the former manifesting itself in careful preparation of his cases and in their clear and forceful presentation before the courts. He is one of New England's native sons, his birth having occurred in Roxbury, Connecticut, February 25, 1849, his parents being Thomas and Mary (O'Leary) Blewett, both of whom were natives of County Waterford, Ireland. The paternal grandparents were Edmund and Mary Blewett, the former a farmer by occupation. He died in Ireland in middle life, while his wife lived to be more than one hundred years of age, her death occurring in the village of Stamford, Connecticut. Their children were John, Mary, Thomas, Catharine, James, Pierce, Michael and Edmund. The maternal grandfather, Thomas O'Leary, was also a farmer and both he and his wife passed away on the Emerald isle when well advanced in years. Their children were Thomas, Mary, Andrew, Michael, John, Ellen and Bridget.

Thomas Blewett, father of Edmund Blewett, spent his youthful days in his native country and there learned the trade of wiredrawing. When a young man he came to America, settling first in New York city, where he followed his trade for a time and then removed to Roxbury, Connecticut, where he continued in the same line of business. In 1855 he came to Wisconsin and purchased land in Eldorado township, where he cleared and improved a farm and reared

his family. Upon that place he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in March, 1894, when he reached the ripe old age of eighty-five years. For six years he had survived his wife, who passed away at the age of eighty-two. Both were members of the Catholic church. Their family numbered six children, of whom four reached adult age: Edmund, the subject of this review; Michael, of Jamestown, North Dakota; Andrew, who also resides in Jamestown; and Pierce, of the same place.

Edmund Blewett has been a resident of Fond du Lac county from the age of six years. He was reared upon his father's farm and attended the district schools of the neighborhood. After putting aside his text-books his entire attention was given to the work of the fields until he reached the age of twenty-four years, when he went into the pine woods of northern Wisconsin on the Shioc river and engaged in timber work and in log driving on the river. He spent twelve seasons in that way and was then called to public office, being elected county clerk of Fond du Lac county, in which position he creditably and acceptably served for four years. On his retirement from office he began farming on his own account in Oakfield township and was thus identified with agricultural pursuits for eight years. At the end of that time he was appointed deputy clerk of the court and served for four years, during which period he became interested in the law and began studying with the purpose of some day engaging in practice. In 1894 he was admitted to the bar and at once opened an office in Fond du Lac, where he has since remained. His clientage has grown in volume and importance as the years have passed by and he is well known in the work of the courts as one who holds to a high standard of professional ethics and gives unfaltering devotion to the interests of his clients.

On the 11th of November, 1873, Mr. Blewett was married to Miss Catharine Casey, a native of Racine county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of James and Mary (Reburn) Casey, who were natives of Ireland but became early settlers of Racine county. Subsequently they removed to Iowa, taking up their abode near Prairie du Chien, where both died at an old age. Their other children were Maria, Margaret, Sarah M., John and Thomas.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Blewett five children have been born: E. Reburn, who is now in Oregon; Robert L., a practicing attorney of Seattle, Washington, who married Ernestine White; Catharine L., the wife of E. C. Kelly, a resident of Everett, Washington; and two who died in childhood. The parents are communicants of the Catholic church and Mr. Blewett also holds membership with the Catholic Order of Forresters and the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is loyal to its principles and in matters of citizenship he stands for progress and improvement, cooperating in all the movements which he deems of benefit to the community at large. For more than a half century he has lived in Fond du Lac county and its history is largely familiar to him, while his own life record is known to the majority of his fellow townsmen and commends him to their confidence and regard.

PAUL W. THIEL.

One the record of county officials who have ably served their fellow townsmen in caring for public business is found the name of Paul W. Thiel, serving as register of deeds of Fond du Lac county. He was born in Ripon, Wisconsin, January 23, 1880. The family name indicates his German lineage. His paternal grandparents both died in Germany when well advanced in years. They had cleared a large farm and to provide for their support the grandfather had cultivated a small farm which he owned. His son Fritz Thiel was born in

Posen, Germany, and was reared and educated in that part of the country, there remaining until he attained his majority, when he decided to try his fortune in America. On crossing the Atlantic he took up his abode in Ripon, where he learned the mason's and plasterer's trades. He has since continued in those lines of business and has now been a resident of Ripon for about forty-eight years. He married Johanna Maas, who was born in the province of Pommern, Germany. Both are consistent members of the Lutheran church and they are very widely and favorably known in Ripon, where they have lived for almost a half century. Fritz Thiel was the founder of Company D of the national guard of Ripon, which was organized in 1879 and of which he served as first lieutenant for twelve years. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, of whom three are living: Hugo E., a resident of Ripon; Paul W.; and Alfred E.

Paul W. Thiel spent his boyhood and youth in his parents' home in his native town and was graduated from the high school there. He then followed brick laying and plastering for several years and has ever led a busy, active and useful life. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, called him to public office in 1910, electing him register of deeds of Fond du Lac, the duties of which position he assumed on the 1st of January, 1911.

On the 1st of May, 1906, Mr. Thiel married Miss Louisa Behm, a daughter of William and Henrietta (Beck) Behm. Mrs. Thiel was born in Ripon and her mother was also a native of Wisconsin but her father was born in Germany. They became early residents of Ripon, where they still make their home and for many years Mr. Behm served as street commissioner there. Two children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Thiel, Roy W. and Paul A.

The parents hold membership in the Lutheran church and are loyal to their professions. Mr. Thiel belongs to Ripon Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Fond du Lac. He is likewise connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party. Moreover, he has an interesting military chapter in his life record, having been a member of the Wisconsin National Guard at Ripon for twelve years lacking ten days, during which period he was advanced through successive ranks until he became commander of the company, serving as its captain for three years. He has never been content to sit still and await developments but has been on the alert to promote individual and public progress and in public office is proving most capable and faithful.

HERMAN SCHROEDER.

Agriculture in these modern times is expanding into a progressive science. Obsolete methods have been abandoned and cumbersome machinery has been replaced by improved devices. Today a man who seeks success as a farmer must bring to his activities an alert and progressive mind, a practical knowledge of agricultural methods and an ability to keep pace with the growing expansion and development. A farmer of this class is Herman Schroeder, active in the operation of one of the most prosperous and substantial farms in Empire township. Herman Schroeder is of German parentage and his father, Fred Schroeder, was a native of Mecklenburg. It was he who founded the family in America. He came to the United States when he was a young man and settled in 1864 in Milwaukee where he remained for two years. In 1866 he bought forty acres of land in Forest township and set about to improve and develop it. He built upon his holdings a log cabin in which he resided for two years before he came to Empire township where he rented a small farm. He was successful in agricultural pursuits in this district for five years and at

the end of that time purchased eighty acres in the same district. He improved and operated his land until 1904, built a good house upon his property and erected a fine barn. He increased the yield of his acres by scientific methods and brought his fields to a high state of productiveness before his retirement in 1904. In that year he moved to Fond du Lac where he built a beautiful and commodious home where he resides on Sherman street. Fred Schroeder was married to Miss Henrietta Peters, a native of Germany, who crossed the Atlantic to America with her mother at an early date. They became the parents of eight children.

Herman Schroeder was born in Milwaukee, July 12, 1868, and received his early education in the district schools of Empire township. He has been a farmer since his early childhood and the practical experience which he gained as a boy upon his father's farm has been a vital factor in bringing about his substantial prosperity of today. When he was fourteen years of age he left the homestead upon which he had been reared and in the employ of others engaged in farm work. He worked by the month until he was twenty-three years of age and gained a thorough working knowledge of agriculture in all its aspects. In 1891 he was enabled to rent a farm in Empire township and carried on its cultivation in this capacity for six months. At the end of that period his financial condition was such that he was able to buy the large farm in Empire township which he is now cultivating. He has made extensive improvements upon his property, has erected many new outbuildings and his practical activities have been productive of a gratifying degree of prosperity.

In 1893, Mr. Schroeder was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Neumann, whose birth occurred in Germany on September 6, 1872. She is a daughter of August and Wilhelmina (Kreuger) Neumann, who left their native country in 1883 and made their residence in America in the township of Eden. They are now residing in Byron township where they are well known and prominent. To Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schroeder have been born four children: Arnim, Bernhard, Edward and Viola. Mr. Schroeder holds membership in St. Peter's church of Fond du Lac and has been active for many years in its affairs. He gives his allegiance to the republican party and has been prominent for some time in local politics. He served for two years as treasurer of his township and was section supervisor for four years. He is now clerk of the school district and has carried on successful and intelligent work in this capacity for fifteen years. He has served for even a longer period as roadmaster of Empire and his record in office has been marked by ability and honorable enterprise. His political career has been conducted with energy, ability and honor, and progressive principles have always directed his public life as they have animated and controlled his private activities.

X EDWARD W. PHELPS.

Throughout his entire professional career Edward W. Phelps has been a resident of Fond du Lac, his practice at the bar of this city covering twenty-eight years. He early recognized the fact that diligence and perseverance are as essential in professional as in industrial or agricultural lines and through the employment of those qualities he has made continuous progress. The county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in the township of Byron, on the 9th of December, 1864. His father, Calvin P. Phelps, was a native of New York and the son of a farmer of that state. In 1846, however, he became a pioneer settler of Fond du Lac county, removing from Cayuga county, New York, where he had been reared on the old homestead farm, to the town of Byron, which was then undeveloped and unim-

proved. In the midst of the forest he began to clear a piece of land and there built a log cabin, in which he lived in true pioneer style, but as the years passed by the comforts and conveniences known to modern civilization were added and the little pioneer home was replaced by a modern frame residence. He occupied the farm until about 1869, when he removed to Fond du Lac, where he engaged in the insurance business until advancing years caused him to put aside business cares. He died in 1897, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. In early manhood he had wedded Miss Polly Beach, also a native of the Empire state. Her parents removed westward to Michigan and settled in Washtenaw county. Mrs. Calvin P. Phelps survived her husband for about a decade and died in 1907, at the age of eighty-six years. Both attended the Congregational church, leading earnest Christian lives and were throughout the community in which they lived held in the highest esteem. Calvin P. Phelps served as a member of the county board and at various times filled a number of township offices. In their family were six children: Amelia, who became the wife of J. C. Heckert but is deceased; Erastus F., living in Denver, Colorado; Mary J., the wife of A. D. Clarke, of Algona, Iowa; Martha A., the wife of A. A. Shepherd, of Milwaukee; Sarah, who was the first wife of A. A. Shepherd and died in 1893; and Edward W. The eldest son was a soldier of the Civil war, serving throughout the period of hostilities in the Twenty-first Wisconsin Regiment.

Edward W. Phelps has made his home in Fond du Lac from the age of four years. He attended the public schools, whereby he acquired a good preliminary education, and then with the desire to become a member of the bar matriculated in the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated with the class of 1884. The same year he was admitted to the bar and opened an office in Fond du Lac, where he has since practiced. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all details of his cases have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct.

On the 18th of September, 1888, Edward W. Phelps was married to Miss Alice M. Thompson, a daughter of Joseph R. and Ellen Bond (Fuller) Thompson. Mrs. Phelps was born in Byron township, while her parents were natives of Maine. Her parents became early settlers of Byron township, but subsequently took up their abode in the city of Fond du Lac, where they resided for a number of years, the father passing away here. The mother afterward removed to Lincoln, Kansas, where her death occurred October 9, 1911, when she was seventy-one years of age. Her remains were brought back for interment in Reinzi cemetery. Edward W. Phelps belongs to Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P., and also to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, in both of which organizations he has many friends. His political support is unfalteringly given to the democratic party and for six terms he has filled the office of city attorney. That he has been again and again chosen for that position is unmistakable evidence of his capability and fidelity. Those who know him—and he has a wide acquaintance—entertain for him warm regard, and he is accounted a leading attorney and representative citizen of Fond du Lac.

CHARLES AND HENRY MITCHELL.

The brothers, Charles and Henry Mitchell, are numbered among the representative agriculturists of Osceola township, where they own a farm of eighty acres located on section 16. They were both born on the place where they now reside, Charles on the 10th of August, 1875, and Henry on October 17, 1882.

Their father, George Mitchell, was born in Fifeshire, Scotland on November 10, 1818, and there he passed his boyhood and youth. At about the age of twenty years he emigrated to the United States, first locating in Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the coal mines. He continued to follow this occupation, with which he was also identified in the old country, until he came to Wisconsin several years later. He settled at Kenosha, and there he subsequently met and married Miss Margaret Paul, likewise a native of Scotland and born in Glasgow on October 20, 1832, who came to America with her mother, the father being deceased. They passed the early period of their domestic life in that city, where Mr. Mitchell worked for the Mitchell Wagon Works. When this company removed to Racine, he accompanied them, but he later came to Fond du Lac county and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He had a brother, William Mitchell, who was already living here, and undoubtedly it was at his solicitation that George became one of the pioneers of Osceola township. He first purchased a tract of land on section 21, and after erecting a few crude buildings to shelter his family and stock, began clearing and preparing the soil for cultivation. About four years later he sold this place and invested the proceeds in the eighty acres of section 16, now owned by his sons. Here he continued to reside until he passed away February 10, 1898, at the age of eighty years. He was long survived by the mother, who was seventy-two when she died July 11, 1909. Their family numbered twelve, as follows: Annie; Nellie, who died June 10, 1912; George; Nettie; Mary; Eliza; Belle; David; Charles and Henry, our subjects; and two who died in infancy. The father enjoyed the full rights of citizenship, giving his political support to the republican party, and although he took an active interest in local affairs he would never accept an office. Both he and the mother were members of the Presbyterian church.

Charles and Henry Mitchell were reared at home and educated in the district school. With the exception of eleven months spent by the former on a ranch in South Dakota, they have always resided on the farm they now own. They received their training along agricultural lines from their father, from whom they purchased the homestead several years prior to his death. They are both men of marked energy and enterprise, and during the period of their ownership have made many improvements in the place, including the erection of the barn and the introduction of various modern conveniences. They engage in general farming and stock-raising and do some dairying, meeting with success in each of these lines.

As neither of the Mitchell brothers have ever married, their sister Nettie is keeping house for them. They both vote the republican ticket but have always refused to be candidates for office. They are not remiss in their duties as citizens, however, but are at all times ready and willing to indorse any movement they feel will forward the welfare of the community.

OSCAR HENRY ECKE.

The law firm of Ecke & Hughes is a prominent one in Fond du Lac, the volume and importance of their business at once establishing their position. The senior partner was born at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, February 5, 1868, his parents being Louis and Louise (Reinhardt) Ecke, the former a native of Saxony, Germany, and the latter of Racine, Wisconsin. The paternal grandfather was Carl Ecke, a shoemaker by trade. He left Germany when his son Louis was but ten years of age, arriving in the United States in 1854. He made his way to Sheboygan county, settling near Plymouth, where he cleared wild and unimproved land. There he engaged in farming and in addition,

worked at his trade. His last days were spent at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, where he died when about eighty-two years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Fredericka Neidhold, died at Stevens Point when about sixty-nine years of age. They had several children including Fred, Gottlieb, Louis and Theresa, the wife of Albert Schmidt. The maternal grandparents of Oscar H. Ecke were Frederick and Christiana Reinhardt, natives of Germany and early settlers of Racine county, Wisconsin. They also became pioneers in the town of New Hope, Portage county, and Mrs. Reinhardt died on the old homestead farm there when about seventy years of age. Her husband afterward retired from business life and went to Stevens Point to live with the Ecke family. Their children were Rudolph, Louise, Malina and two who died in childhood. One of the children was born in an immigrant wagon, which was then the family home. At that time the Indians were numerous all around them and all the conditions of pioneer life were theirs. Mr. Reinhardt took quite an active interest in community affairs and at different times held various local offices, including that of postmaster. He was a man of liberal education, having had excellent school advantages in Germany, and this with his other sterling characteristics and qualities made him a citizen of worth in the community. His religious faith was that of the Lutheran church.

Louis Ecke, father of O. H. Ecke, was ten years of age when brought to America in 1854. He was reared to manhood on the old home farm in Sheboygan county in the vicinity of Plymouth and after attaining adult age he and his brother Gottlieb were associated in the butchering business for several years. Louis Ecke then removed to Stevens Point in the early '60s and Gottlieb went to Oshkosh. The former continued in the butchering business on his own account until his establishment was destroyed by fire, after which he conducted a saloon for a number of years. He was a blacksmith by trade and in his later life he worked in a railway blacksmith shop at Stevens Point. Subsequently, however, he again opened a meat market and still later a saloon but retired from the latter business about 1885. It was subsequent to this time that he became a shoe merchant on the south side in Stevens Point. He was always busily engaged in some line of commercial or industrial activity and the success he achieved was attributable entirely to his own efforts. His wife died in Stevens Point in April, 1890, when forty years of age. She had been baptized in the Lutheran faith in early girlhood but reared her children in the faith of the Episcopal church. After her death Mr. Ecke traded his properties at Stevens Point and went to the town of Bergen, Marathon county, twenty-six miles north of Stevens Point, there engaging in farming. He now lives retired in Auburndale. Several of his children, however, are residents of Fond du Lac. As the years passed there were added to the family sons and daughters to the number of nine: Oscar H., of this review; Selma, who died at the age of six years; Laura, a resident of Fond du Lac; Arnim C., a practicing physician of Chicago; Leda, the wife of John Thomsen, of Fond du Lac; Sadie, the wife of Lewis Haight, who is principal of the schools at Blue Mound, Illinois; Florenz, who died in Chicago, June 7, 1910; Edwin A., who is connected with the law department of the La Salle Extension University in Chicago; and Dodo H., a resident of Glenn, California.

Oscar H. Ecke was reared at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and early manifested special aptitude in his school work, being graduated from the high school at the age of fifteen years. He immediately entered the University of Wisconsin and completed the classical course, being numbered among the alumni of 1887, in which year he had but reached the age of nineteen. He borrowed the money with which to pay the expenses of his college course and then by teaching discharged his indebtedness. He also earned a sum sufficient to enable him to pursue a law course in the University of Wisconsin and following his graduation in 1894 he was admitted to the bar. For six years after completing

his classical course in the university, he engaged in teaching. For one year he was principal of the grammar department at West Bend, Wisconsin, after which he was called to the university to teach rhetoric and elocution. While there he received a call to become principal and superintendent of the Ryan high school at Appleton, Wisconsin, where he remained for three years. In 1893 he resigned his position there and in the following year mastered two years' work of the regular law course. In January, 1894, he received an appointment from Governor Peck to the position of assistant librarian of the state law library at Madison, and afterward made arrangements to come to Fond du Lac. In the spring of 1895 he arrived in this city and formed a partnership with H. E. Swett, with whom he was associated for about ten years. He was afterward alone in practice for a year and next became associated with W. W. Hughes in a partnership that still continues under the firm style of Ecke & Hughes. The senior partner served for two years as city attorney and in 1901 he was a candidate for the office of county judge. He was appointed assistant district attorney by Judge Fowler and served for a short time in connection with the grand jury in their investigations. He has a large and distinctively representative clientage and is justly accounted one of the leading lawyers of his adopted city. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care, presents his cause clearly and logically and as the years passed on has been connected with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of this district.

On the 7th of June, 1899, Mr. Ecke was married to Miss Edith Evans, a native of Cambria, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Enoch and Eleanor (Williams) Evans, who were natives of Wales. Her father died in 1901, when about seventy years of age, having for several years survived his wife. They were the parents of two daughters, who reached adult age, the younger being Ruby M., who is the wife of the Rev. Clinton J. Billig, a minister of the Congregational church. Mrs. Ecke, the elder daughter, is a graduate of Ripon College of the class of 1896 and won several prizes in oratorical contests. From 1896 until 1898 she was assistant teacher of Latin, English and elocution at Portage, Wisconsin. By her marriage she has become the mother of three sons, Rollin E., Lester E. and Milton E. The parents are members of the First Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Ecke is serving as an elder. They take a very active part in church activities and all religious work and Mr. Ecke was the prime mover in the organization of the Young Men's Christian Association, which was formed in Fond du Lac in 1906. He served as its first president and has always been deeply interested in its work. His influence is always given on the side of righteousness and truth, progress and improvement, and in every relation of life he advocates high standards nor deviates from a course which he believes to be for the benefit of the individual or the community.

CHARLES H. GRAHAM.

Throughout much of his life Charles H. Graham has been connected with public service, both civil and military. He is one of the veterans of the Spanish-American war and almost continuously since his return from the front has held public office in which connection he has made a creditable record by reason of his unfaltering fidelity to duty. He was born in this county, September 10, 1865, and is a representative of one of its old pioneer families, his father John C. Graham, settling here in 1846. His grandfather, John Graham, was born in Scotland and on emigrating to the new world took up his abode in Canada where he followed farming. He died near Montreal at the

very venerable age of ninety-seven years, having long survived his wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha Gordon, and who passed away in middle life. They were the parents of five children—Mary, John, Jane, David and Andrew. The last named died while serving as a soldier in the Civil war.

John C. Graham was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1818, and after the family arrived in Canada he was bound out to learn the harness makers' trade. He grew to manhood in that country, not far from Montreal and for some years he continued to provide for his own support as a harness maker. At length, with the hope of having better business opportunities in the States, he made his way to Waupun, Fond du Lac county, in 1846 and took up land in Alto township. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place, but with characteristic energy he cleared and developed the land which he converted into a fine farm, thereon rearing his family. Eventually he sold that property and in 1867 removed to Brandon, where he resumed work at his trade, by conducting a harness making shop in company with Jacob Warner. In 1870 he went to Ripon, Wisconsin, where he engaged in carpentering for a brief period, but soon turned his attention to farming, purchasing land near that city. About 1886 he again took up his abode in Ripon where he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred March 23, 1896, when he was seventy-eight years of age. In early manhood he had married Ruth Maria Look, who was born in Connecticut, in 1831. She came of a family which originally spelled the name Locke, and representatives of the family crossed the Atlantic on the Mayflower. Her father was one of the early farmers of Wisconsin, but removed to California where both he and his wife died when well advanced in years. They were the parents of nine children: Ruth Maria, Selah, Hester, Hezekiah, Albert, Phoebe, and three others—sons. As previously stated, Ruth Maria Look became the wife of John C. Graham and, surviving her husband for about three years, died in June, 1899, when about sixty-eight years of age. Both were constant members of the Methodist church. In their family were seven children, of whom three are now living: Ruby, the wife of A. L. Maudlin, secretary and treasurer of the Ripon (Wisconsin) Produce Company; Charles H., of Fond du Lac; and Alice, the wife of E. F. Butler, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Charles H. Graham was reared in Ripon from the age of five years and attended its public schools. He learned the trade of wallpapering and painting and was engaged in business there for several years, but his patriotic spirit rose paramount at the time of the Spanish-American war and he joined Company D, Second Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, of which he was a corporal. When the war was over he was forced to spend some time in the government hospital at Brooklyn, New York, on account of fever contracted in the army. He afterward returned to Ripon and was called to public office, being elected alderman of the first ward. In 1902 he was elected chief of police there, and again in 1904 but resigned, to become under-sheriff under J. C. Harcum. He filled that position for two years and in 1906 became candidate for the office of sheriff against George P. Dana, but failed of election. He was in the employ of the Elmer Milling Company until appointed under-sheriff by William J. Seeve in 1909. The following year he was again his party's candidate for sheriff against his former opponent and this time was elected and is the present incumbent in the office, the duties of which he is discharging in a prompt and able manner.

On the 3d of January, 1893, Charles H. Graham was married to Miss Emma Schliepp, a daughter of Carl and Wilhelmina (Krause) Schliepp, both of whom were natives of Germany and became early settlers of Green Lake county, Wisconsin, where they lived for a short time and then removed to Winnebago county. Subsequently they took up their abode in Ripon, Fond du Lac county, where the mother died, December 21, 1911, at the age of seventy-

two years. Mr. Schliepp is still living and is a resident of Fond du Lac. Mr. and Mrs. Schliepp were the parents of three sons and three daughters, Herman, Charles, Emma, Clara, Ida and Albert. Mrs. Schliepp had been formerly married in Germany to a Mr. Dahlman and they had two children, a son who died in childhood and a daughter, Amelia, who is still living. Mrs. Charles H. Graham was born in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and by her marriage has become the mother of four children: Florence Ruth, Manilla Grace, Eugene and Gordon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Graham are widely and favorably known in Fond du Lac and throughout the county. Mrs. Graham belongs to the Lutheran church. Mr. Graham has several fraternal relations, being a member of Ripon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Ripon Lodge, No. 144, I. O. O. F., the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Curtis J. Dillon Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans of Ripon, while Mrs. Graham is connected with its auxiliary. In politics he is a republican and vigorously espouses the cause in which he believes. His position upon any vital question is never an equivocal one and in office he is faithful and fearless in the discharge of his duties, manifesting the same courageous spirit that he showed when he defended his country's honor in the war with Spain.

FRANK MORTON ERICKSON, A. M.

To spend many years in a successful search after the truest knowledge; to love learning for its own sake and for the sake of its influence upon the progress of the world; to acquire conspicuous attainment along classical lines and to put the result of study and labor at the disposal of others in the high office of a teacher—to have done these things is to have lived a useful and inspiring life. Frank Morton Erickson, now dean and Wilcox professor of classics at Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin, is recognized in the city in which he is doing his work as a true and cultured scholar. He has degrees from the most prominent universities in America and is an authority on the classic languages and on archeology.

Frank M. Erickson was born in Kendallville, Indiana, on September 21, 1870, and is a son of Gunder and Mary L. (Sharp) Erickson, the former a native of Norway who came to the United States in 1837 with the first shipload of his countrymen that ever came to the United States. They settled in Kendallville, Indiana, where the father followed his profession of medicine until his death in 1877. He was a skilled physician and surgeon and had taken his medical degree in America from Rush Medical College and was later a student in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Mr. Erickson's mother was a daughter of Henry Sharp, son of John and Mary (Loring) Sharp of Albany, New York, one of the early pioneers of the state of Indiana and a prominent figure in its public affairs for many years. He held the position of mayor of Fort Wayne, where he had a large manufacturing concern and engaged in the fur-trading business for some time. His wife was Louisa Olds, a daughter of Elias and Abigail (Orcutt) Olds of Swanton, Vermont. The grandfather, Samuel of the same name, served in a Massachusetts regiment during the Revolutionary war, and Louisa Olds' ancestry goes back to the Mayflower. Mrs. Erickson, the mother of our subject, passed away in 1901 in Kendallville, Indiana.

Frank M. Erickson is the youngest of a family of eight children, three of whom are still living. He went to school in Kendallville and later attended Wabash College, from which he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1892. He took his Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago in 1895. He spent the years from 1902 to 1904 as teacher of Greek and Latin

in Highland University and in 1900 traveled extensively in Greece as a student of archeology. He was a member of the Graduate School of Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1907 after a year of deep study and brilliant success. He has been connected with Ripon College in his capacity as professor of the classic languages since 1895 and has done able and exhaustive work in this office. He was made dean of the college in recognition of his services in 1908 and during that year was acting president. He is one of the most popular and well known professors in Ripon.

In 1893 Mr. Erickson was united in marriage to Miss Harriet S. Shulze, a daughter of Emanuel H. and Marilla A. (Weston) Shulze. The father's family was of German origin. Emanuel H. Shulze was a descendant of Andrew Shulze, who was governor of Pennsylvania about 1800. In the maternal line he can trace his descent from the Melchior family who settled in New Jersey in colonial times and was active in the founding of the German Lutheran church in America. Mrs. Erickson's mother, Marilla A. Weston, was a daughter of John of the same name, who served as a lieutenant of cavalry and in the commissary department of the Federal army during the Civil war. The Weston family has been in America for many generations. Its representatives came from England to Massachusetts in 1639. Members of the family served in the Revolutionary war and the line of descent is clear from that time. Mrs. Erickson is of Irish lineage on her father's side. Her grandmother was named Elliott and was born in Dublin, Ireland. Mrs. Erickson is herself a well educated woman and able to keep abreast with her husband in his studies and reading. She is a graduate of the Westminster Seminary, where she made a record for ability and brilliancy. She is the mother of three children: Frank M., aged eleven, Herbert S. and Mary M., all of whom are living with their parents at 529 Woodside avenue. The family hold membership in the Congregational church of Ripon, in which Mr. and Mrs. Erickson are active figures.

Mr. Erickson votes the republican ticket but beyond this takes no active part in politics. He is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and is well known in that organization. He brings to his duties as professor of classics in Ripon College a thorough and exhaustive knowledge of his subject, an instinct for teaching and the splendid preparation of many years of hard study. Behind his imposing array of degrees and his depth of learning he keeps a kindly and gentle heart and a genial and social nature. He is unassuming in manner and his many lovable qualities of mind and heart make each of his pupils a friend and a follower.

ALBERT WAGNER.

Albert Wagner is a native of Fond du Lac county and a man whose agricultural career is a credit to the section in which he resides. In 1895 he bought his father's farm in Marshfield township, comprising seven hundred and twenty acres, of which the greater part was marsh land. He was born in the section where he now resides, in 1872. His parents were Joseph and Catherine (Diedrich) Wagner, natives of Germany. The father left that country in 1834 and for some time after his arrival in the new world taught school in New York, where he resided nine years. Afterward he came to Fond du Lac county and settled upon a farm in the section where his son is now active. He dealt in land, buying warrants from the soldiers, and made a comfortable income in this way. He died in 1896 but his wife survives and lives in Marshfield with her daughter Lottie.

Albert Wagner was educated in the parochial and district schools of Marshfield township and has been a resident of this section all his life. He grew up on his father's farm and now operates a part of it, having sold the balance in 1902. He has one hundred and ten acres, all of which is used in raising live stock and for dairying purposes. His agricultural methods have always been recognized as standards by his neighbors and success rewards his systematic work. He has purchased prosperity with application to duties, concentration of mind, energy and industry. He made many improvements upon his farm, building necessary barns and outbuildings and fencing and draining his fields. He has a large and well equipped dairy and keeps a herd of high-grade cows. He sells his products readily in the Fond du Lac county markets.

In 1895 Albert Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Flora Dreifurst, a daughter of Adrian Dreifurst, who engaged in farming near the boundary line between Sheboygan and Fond du Lac counties. To Mr. and Mrs. Wagner were born six children, Viola, Leo, Laura, Joseph, Norma and Raymond. In politics Mr. Wagner is a consistent democrat and has served for three years as assistant supervisor of his township. For three years he has been president of the Marshfield Fire Insurance Company and in this relation has become known as a man of ability, wisdom and force of character. He holds membership in the Roman Catholic church of Mount Calvary. He has many friends and acquaintances all of whom regard him as a man of exemplary character and high standards. His methods are progressive and his thorough knowledge of agriculture together with his business ability have been responsible for the attainment of the success which he now enjoys. He understands the elements of farming and upon his efficiency is built his prosperity.

CARL PIEPER.

Carl Pieper, who is living retired in the village of Waucousta, where for many years he was successfully engaged in business, was born in Germany, on the 27th of September, 1844. He is a son of Michael and Louisa Pieper, who emigrated to the United States with their family in 1855, coming direct to Wisconsin. Upon his arrival here the father purchased eighty acres of partially cleared land in Dodge county, and diligently engaged in farming. He erected a substantial house and barn on his place and later sold it to good advantage, investing the proceeds in a hundred and sixty acres of land in Rubicon township, that county. He there continued his agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1868, at the age of forty-nine years. The mother, who passed away in 1858, was forty at the time of her demise. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Pieper numbered three, two sons and a daughter, of whom our subject is the eldest. William was the second in order of birth and Albertina the youngest.

The first eleven years in the life of Carl Pieper were passed in the land of his birth, where he began his education. After coming to America he continued his studies in the district and German schools of Dodge county until he had mastered the fundamental principles of English learning. As is usual in the country he early began assisting his father with the work about the farm, fitting himself for the duties of a rural vocation. He remained at home until qualified to become self-supporting when he started out to earn his own living. After the death of his father, he bought the interest of the other heirs in the old farm, engaging in its cultivation until 1894. In the latter year he disposed of it and invested the proceeds in a cheese factory and a store, which he established at Waucousta, Osceola township. He successfully conducted these two enterprises for twelve years, and then sold the factory to his son Adolph and closed out his stock of merchandise. By the exercise of thrift and

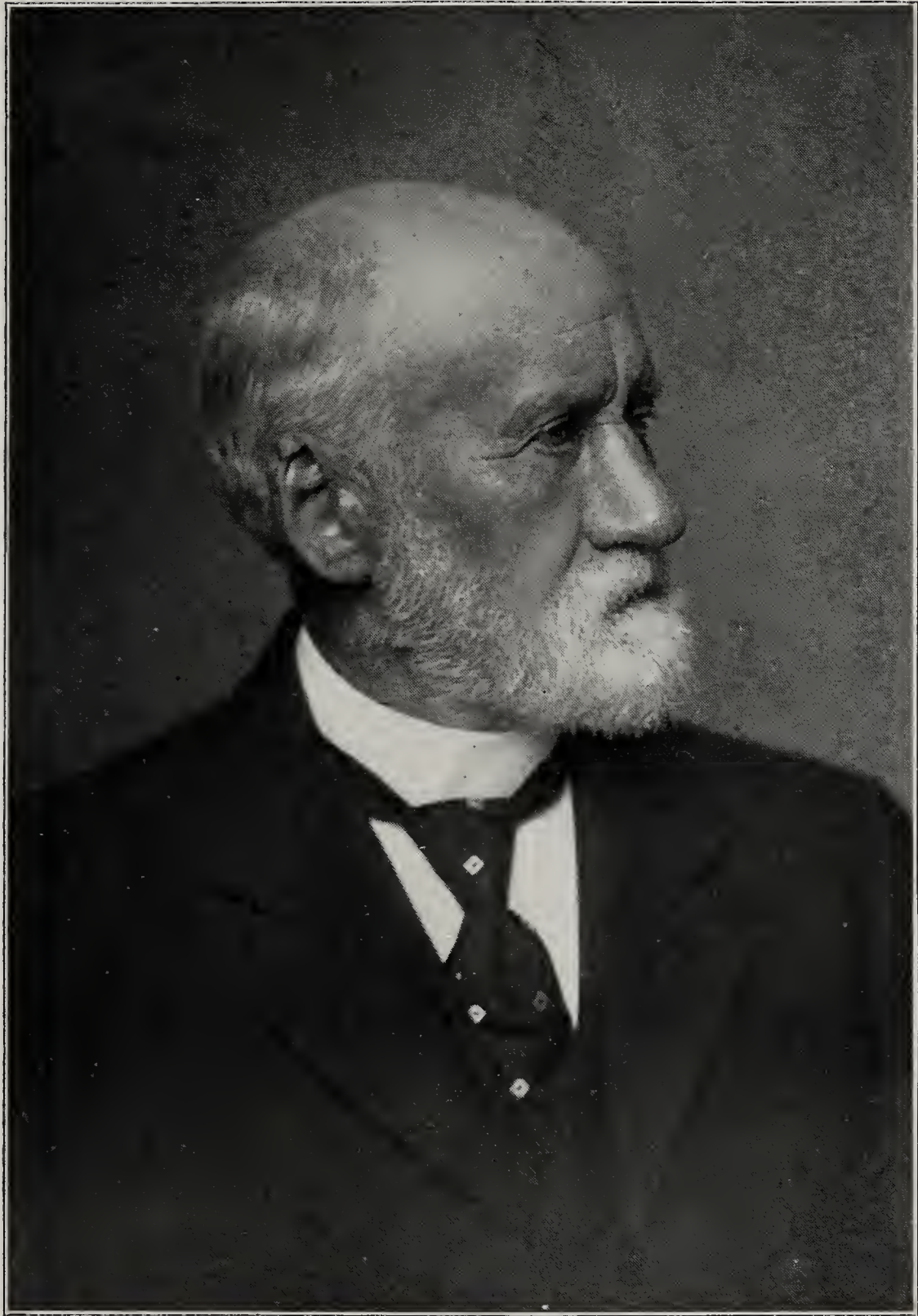
the intelligent expenditure of his energies in early life, he managed to acquire a competence that now enables him to live in comfort and retirement. He has a very pleasant modern residence in Waucousta, which he erected in 1906, and there he expects to spend the remainder of his life. Mr. Pieper has made judicious investments in real estate at various times, from which he realizes good returns. In 1902, he purchased an eighty acre tract located on the boundary line between Osceola and Eden townships, and four years later sold it to one of his sons. The year he disposed of this property he bought a hundred and forty acres adjoining the village of Waucousta, which he disposed of last fall. It has formerly been cultivated by his son Roland.

In 1868, Mr. Pieper was married to Miss Wilhelmina Matthies, a daughter of Frederick and Augusta Matthies, natives of Germany, whence they came to America in 1847, locating in the town of Lebanon, Dodge county. Mrs. Pieper, who is a member of a family of five, was born in a log cabin on her father's farm in Lebanon on the 17th of November, 1849. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pieper, the two eldest of whom, William and Lena, are deceased. Matilda, who is the next in order of birth, married Christian Indermuele, of Dodge county, by whom she has had four children, Christian, Evaline, Erhardt and Alexa. Henry, who is the eldest living son, married Amelia Schultz, and they have four children, Verona, Victor, Walner and Paul. Linda became the wife of Richard Rose of Dodge county, by whom she has had two children, Frieda and Amanda. Edward married Elvina Marquard and to them have been born four children, Elsie, Arnold, Johannes and Erhardt. Johannes, who is a minister in the German Lutheran church, now residing in Minnesota, married Lydia Henica, and they have two children, Cecilia and Adelgunda. Adolph chose for his wife Minnie Wachs, and they have two sons, Carl and Gilbert. Roland married Ella Husman and to them have been born two children, Urban and Ortense. Herbert, who owns and operates two cheese factories, one located in Waucousta and the other in Eden township, married Hilda Kreuger and they have one child, Ingeburg. Hilbert is the youngest member of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pieper both hold membership in the German Lutheran church in the faith of which they reared their children. His political allegiance he gives to the democratic party, but he never sought official honors, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his own affairs, although he is not remiss in the duties of citizenship.

LOUIS RUEPING.

Louis Rueping, who is financially interested in various local enterprises has been identified with business interests of Fond du Lac since 1854 and since 1867 has been independently so engaged. He is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Essen on March 16, 1839, and is a son of William and Wilhelmina (Haumann) Rueping. The father, who was a merchant in the old country, emigrated to the United States with his wife and family in 1853. He first located in Milwaukee but the next year he came to Fond du Lac and opened a tannery with the operation of which he was connected during the remainder of his active life. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rueping, the subject of this review being the third in order of birth. William, the eldest, married Henrietta Bruett and they became the parents of four children, William, Frederick, Robert and Bertha. Frederick married Margaret Thuerwaechter and they also have four children, Frederick, Ida, William and Clara. Alvina became the wife of Louis Muentner and they have five children, Bertha, Meta, Otto, Johanna and Alma. Charles married Emma Noehle and to them have been born three chil-



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dren, Adela, Elsie and Wilhelmina. Henry married Ida Wolff and they have four children, Henry, Frank, Estelle and Rolland.

Louis Rueping, who was a youth of about fifteen years when he accompanied his parents to America, obtained his education in his native land, where he attended school until he was fourteen. After the family located in Fond du Lac he assisted his father in the tannery until 1867 when he was made a partner in the business. He continued to be identified with this enterprise until 1890, when he sold his share in the business to his brother Fred. Together with his brother Charles he subsequently went into the hide and tallow business, their industry having been established in 1895. Mr. Rueping is still identified with this enterprise, which has proven to be very successful and has netted them gratifying returns. He is also president of the Fond du Lac Table Manufacturing Company. This concern was organized in 1901 and is numbered among the thriving and prosperous industries of the city. Mr. Rueping was also one of the organizers of the brewery at Superior, Wisconsin, which was reorganized in 1897. He is likewise a stockholder in the Fond du Lac National Bank and is the owner of several pieces of real estate.

Mr. Rueping married Miss Ida Haevernick and to them have been born five children: Emma, Laura, Alvina, Lena and Louis H.

The family was reared in the German Evangelical faith. Mr. Rueping belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while his political support he accords to the republican party. He erected a handsome home in 1902, which is one of the best homes in the city. Although he has attained the venerable age of seventy-three years, Mr. Rueping is still actively identified with commercial affairs and by his diligence and perseverance puts to shame many a man years his junior.

GEORGE W. WATSON.

George W. Watson is filling the position of postmaster of Fond du Lac, to which he was appointed in July, 1910. He had previously filled other public positions and had demonstrated his trustworthiness and his efficiency. Moreover, he is well known to the citizens of this county where he has always lived. He was born in Eldorado township, November 28, 1860, his parents being James and Sarah (Edwards) Watson, natives of England and Wales respectively. The paternal grandfather, James Watson, died in England, leaving two children, James and Ann. His widow afterward married a Mr. Clark and there were sixteen children by that union. The maternal grandfather of our subject was David Edwards, an inn-keeper of Wales. Both he and his wife died in that country, leaving a family that included William, Edward, Jane and Sarah.

James Watson was only ten years of age at the time of his father's death and it became necessary for him to then start out in the world and on his leaving home he went to sea and followed a mariner's life for several years. He worked his way upward to the position of first-mate on the vessel on which his future wife crossed the Atlantic. They became acquainted on shipboard, were married in Philadelphia and immediately afterward removed to Wisconsin. Soon they settled upon a farm in Eldorado township, taking up their abode there in 1847, before the state was admitted to the Union. They lived amid pioneer conditions and environments and Mr. Watson performed the arduous task of clearing his farm from the heavy timber. In the midst of the dense forest he built a log house and in that primitive home he reared his family. He died in November, 1860, when about forty-five years of age and his wife survived him until 1902, passing away at the age of eighty three years. She was a member of the Baptist church and was ever loyal to that belief. In politics James Watson was a

democrat, earnest and zealous in the support of his party, yet all of his sons had become republicans, supporting that party since the Civil war. In the family were seven children: Edward, who died when serving as a drummer boy in the Civil war when only thirteen years of age; David, of Fond du Lac; Sarah Jane, the deceased wife of William Lowrey; Franklin Pierce, of Fond du Lac; Anna E., the wife of H. W. Dewey, in this city; and James B. and George W., also living in this city.

George W. Watson spent his youthful days on the home farm in Eldorado township, being practically reared by his mother, who, desirous that her son should have good educational privileges, sent him to the district schools and later to the Oshkosh Normal School. For a short time, thereafter, he engaged in teaching, which profession he had also followed during the completion of his education. He was for two winter terms a teacher in a country school and for two years was principal of the public schools of Oakfield. He then began clerking in the store of Bristol and Worthing, in Oakfield being thus employed for a year and ten months. During that period he carefully saved his earnings and ambitious to engage in business on his own account he purchased the store of George B. McLean at South Byron, where he continued in general merchandizing from 1887 until the fall of 1894. While at South Byron he was also connected with the firm of Bristol, Morgan & Company, general merchants of Oakfield, and with them also engaged in the butter and cheese business. He also purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres known as the old Blank farm, which he cultivated for several years and then sold. During the entire time spent in merchandizing at South Byron he was also postmaster, station agent, and express agent there. He resigned the different positions, however, when in 1894 he was elected sheriff of Fond du Lac county, which position he acceptably filled for two years. He then engaged in the real-estate business for several years, maintaining an office in the city of Fond du Lac but since July, 1910, at which time he received the appointment as postmaster here, he has concentrated his energies upon the conduct of the postoffice, the work of which he has carefully systematized. In the discharge of his duties he is prompt, faithful and determined and has made an excellent record in this connection.

In March, 1885, Mr. Watson was united in marriage to Miss Flora Bristol, a daughter of Abel and Abigail Bristol. Mrs. Watson passed away in 1891, and on the 2d of November, 1899, Mr. Watson was again married, his second union being with Miss Bessie C. Cheney, a daughter of Seymour H. and Adelaide Cheney, the former a native of Fort Covington, New York, and the latter of Michigan. They came to Fond du Lac county many years ago and are still living here, Mr. Cheney being numbered among the representative and honored business men of the city. He has remained in business at one place on Main street for twenty-nine years and is one of the oldest merchants connected with commercial circles in Fond du Lac. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cheney have been born four children who are living: Dr. Henry W. Cheney, who is practicing in Chicago; Dr. Charles Cheney, an active representative of the dental profession in Fond du Lac; Bessie C.; and Seymour W., a mechanical engineer, who is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. The only daughter, Mrs. Watson, was born in Fond du Lac and has been a life long resident of this county. She holds membership in the Baptist church and is well known socially. Mr. Watson is a member of Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M.; Darling Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M.; Fond du Lac Commandery, No. 5, K. T., of which he is now eminent commander; Wisconsin Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Tripoli Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He, likewise, belongs to Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P.; Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Equitable Fraternal Union. Politically he has ever been a republican and is recognized as one of the local leaders of his party. He served as chairman of the republican county committee for six years but resigned that position when appointed postmaster. While a resident of South Byron he was elected chairman of the town board and for a term of two

years he served as a member of the board of aldermen of Fond du Lac. He was president of the McKinley and Hobart Clubs and he has done everything in his power to legitimately promote the success of his party and extend its influence. It is a recognized fact, however, he believes in patriotism before partisanship and the general good before the interests of the individual.

LEONARD MOWERS.

Leonard Mowers is retired from active life and is living in Ripon, Wisconsin, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He has been prominently identified with the affairs of this city for some time and he is one of the fast diminishing army of those who wrested the United States from defeat in 1861 to 1865. He loves to remember the days of the war and the movements of the army in which he served his country with such fidelity and honor during the four years. He was born in Elmira, New York, September 25, 1843, and is a son of George and Julia (Houston) Mowers. His mother died when he was only six weeks old and his father removed to Wisconsin in 1845, where he lived with his family for two years and died in this state in 1847. He left his children in the care of their uncle, James Mills, who took Leonard Mowers to the town of Dartford, now Green Lake, Wisconsin, where he kept him as a member of his family until our subject was thirteen years old. When he had attained that age he was put to work on the farm belonging to B. Davis and spent some years assisting in the labor incident to agricultural pursuits. In 1858 he came to Ripon to work upon the farm of J. N. Bacon one mile west of Ripon, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted in 1861 in Company F, First Wisconsin Cavalry, and served with great distinction for three years. At the end of that time he received his honorable discharge in November, 1864. On February 3, 1865, he reenlisted in the First Army Corps, Second United States Veteran Volunteer Infantry, and served during the Atlanta campaign, until the end of the war. Mr. Mowers was engaged in several of the greatest battles of the Civil war. He was present at Cape Girardeau and at Lanfield River. He was taken prisoner in the latter place but escaped by a valiant effort. He broke away from his guard and jumped into the river amid a volley of over one thousand shots, swam to the other side and rejoined his comrades. After this event the campaign took him into the southern states. He was in the Shenandoah valley when Lee gave up his sword and was a witness of the great surrender. After this event he was ordered to Washington as city provost guard under General Hancock. He was then sent to New York and later to Connecticut, from which state he was mustered out on February 13, 1866.

After the war Mr. Mowers returned to Ripon and engaged in the cultivation of the soil in the employ of others for some time. In 1873 he left Wisconsin for South Dakota. He made the journey in a wagon drawn by a team of horses and remained in South Dakota and engaged in farming for nine years. In the famous grasshopper year in that state his crops were entirely ruined and the damage done by the grasshoppers was completed by the drought and Mr. Mowers was obliged to return to Ripon. Here he rented a farm from W. B. Kingsbury and spent twenty-seven years in the improvement and cultivation of the soil. He retired from active life in 1907 and came into the city of Ripon, where he has resided since that time.

On December 6, 1870, Mr. Mowers was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Soule, of Vermont, a daughter of J. S. and M. P. (Kingsburg) Soule. Her parents came to Ripon in 1863, where they bought land and where they resided until their deaths. They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Mowers have been born seven children: George,

living in Washington; Fred, who makes his home in Ripon; Mabel, the wife of Livy Johnson, state senator in the North Dakota legislature; Pearl, who lives at home; Bert, in business in Wichita, Kansas; Roy, a lieutenant of the home guards in Ripon; and Charles, a resident of Spokane, Washington. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mowers are loyal and patriotic Americans. Mrs. Mowers is president of the Women's Relief Corps of Ripon and her husband has been commander of the H. S. Eggleston Post, No. 199, G. A. R., for a period of service covering five years. He has never lost his intense loyalty to the American cause and he loves to remember his services in the Federal army. Every year the number of comrades is lessening and every year the number of flag-draped graves in our cemeteries on Memorial day is increasing, but the spirit of 1861 is alive today in the sons and daughters of the veterans of the Civil war and is making the United States a great country and a prosperous nation.

MATT SUPPLE.

Matt Supple for many years has been one of the highly respected and leading business men of Fond du Lac, where he is engaged in a very lucrative and extensive ice business. He was born in Pana, Illinois on November 26, 1860, and is a son of Mathew and Catharine (Niesen) Supple, both of whom were natives of Germany. His father was by trade and occupation a brick maker and in the practice of his trade traveled extensively throughout the state of Wisconsin and was employed in many of the brick-manufacturing plants for varying periods of time. He enlisted to serve three years during the Civil war, from Pana, Illinois, on August 12, 1861, and was mustered in the United States service as a private of Company M, Third Regiment Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, under Captain George E. Pease and Colonel Eugene A. Carr. One of the principal skirmishes he took part in was during the siege of Vicksburg from May 18 to July 4, 1863. He was wounded by a minie ball through the left hand and had his horse killed under him, breaking two ribs and his left shoulder blade by falling. He was honorably discharged August 25, 1864, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the expiration of his time of service. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Supple seven children were born. Frank is the husband of Margaret Conway of Fond du Lac, and they have two children. Matt is the second in order of birth. The remaining members of the family are Anna, Louis, William, Sarah and Mary, of whom Louis and William are deceased. The father died April 12, 1876, having met his death by accident, drowning near the Neenah railroad bridge of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. The mother now resides in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Matt Supple, of this review, was reared at home and received his education in the public school. At the age of sixteen years he had the misfortune to lose his father, and the support of his mother and the family largely descended upon his shoulders. He devoted his attention to his widowed mother and his brothers and sisters until he was twenty-five years of age, during the latter portion of which time he also supported his own family as he had married before he left the parental roof. For the past thirty-five years Mr. Supple has been engaged in the ice business in Fond du Lac and during that time he has met with uniform and gratifying success. During the winter seasons he employs two hundred men in his service engaged in cutting and storing ice. The entire supply is always taken from Lake Winnebago, upon whose shores he has constructed substantial and well equipped ice houses for storage. For the past twenty-three years he has been the sole owner and proprietor of the Star Ice Company of Fond du Lac and at present the extensive operations of his business require the use of eleven ice wagons of modern and up-to-date construction.

Mr. Supple was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Sharron of Fond du Lac,

in March, 1886, and to them fourteen children have been born, eleven of whom are living, namely, Sadie, Fred, Wallace, Louis, Tessie, Herbert, Clarence, Ruth, Hazel, Douglas and Bernice. All are at home with their parents.

Mr. Supple is affiliated with the democratic party and fraternally he is associated with the Order of Eagles and also with the Catholic Knights and the St. Joseph's Society. The family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church. For many years he has been one of the most successful and influential business men of Fond du Lac. He is known among his friends and acquaintances as a man who systematically devotes his attention to the interests of his large and rapidly increasing business, in which he has met with gratifying success. In his transactions he is characterized by strict integrity and he is a man deeply interested in any public measure intended to improve the condition of the people.

FREDERICK ALBERT FOSTER.

Frederick Albert Foster, a lawyer, is junior partner in the firm of Williams & Foster, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Born at Port Washington, Wisconsin, June 20, 1871, he is a son of George W. and Mary E. (Coe) Foster. He spent four years at the University of Wisconsin, graduating in 1895 from the law department. He practiced his profession with the firm of Winkler, Flanders, Bottum & Vilas, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, until 1906 in which year he moved to Fosterville, Wisconsin, being employed by the Vilas County Lumber Company. Coming to Fond du Lac in November, 1910, he entered into his present partnership.

On October 5, 1901, he married Katharine L. Kimball, and they have two children, Frederick Kimball Foster and Katharine Lewis Foster.

JAMES McEVOY.

James McEvoy is a son of a pioneer settler of Fond du Lac county and has lived in this section since he was three years of age. He cultivates the farm which his father cleared and developed in the early days and follows methods of operation which he learned through practical experience, bringing his forty acres to an improved and excellent condition. He was born in New York state February 25, 1846, and is a son of Matthew and Katherine (Welsh) McEvoy, natives of Ireland. His father was born in County Queens and came to the United States in 1840, settling first in New York state where he worked as a farm laborer for some years and was married. His wife was also a native of County Queens, in which section of Ireland their acquaintance began. In 1849 Matthew McEvoy came to Fond du Lac county where he purchased forty acres of land in Ashford township. The tract was wild and unimproved and upon it he built a rude log cabin in which he lived for many years. This he later replaced by a comfortable and modern frame house, residing in the same until his death which occurred in 1887, when he was eighty-two years of age. His wife survived him until 1891, dying when she was eighty-four years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McEvoy were born three children: James, the subject of this sketch; Mary A., whose birth occurred in New York state, December 24, 1848; and Richard H., who is a native of Fond du Lac county.

James McEvoy spent his childhood upon his father's farm in Ashford township and attended the district school of that section. When he was twenty-five years of age he learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at it for eight or nine years in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad. After his father's death he

bought the home farm and upon this he has since lived, attaining a well deserved and gratifying success by his industry and intelligent activity.

In 1874, James McEvoy was united in marriage to Miss Mary Roche, and to them was born one daughter, Mary Agnes, who is now Mrs. Henry Stahl of Portland, Oregon. The first wife of our subject died in 1875 and three years later he was again married. His second union was with Miss Julia A. Ryan, a daughter of Patrick Ryan, who became the mother of eight children, Thomas J., William H., May L., Adaline, George, Emmett, Katherine and Frank, the latter two of whom have passed away. The family belongs to St. James Catholic church, of Eden.

Mr. McEvoy affiliates with the democratic party and has served as district clerk for nine years. He has always been true and loyal in matters of citizenship and is well known in this county where he has resided from his early boyhood. He has a wide acquaintance and has won trust and good-will through a life which in all its phases has been upright, straightforward and honorable.

ROY L. MORSE.

Roy L. Morse is actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. He is now senior partner of the firm of Morse & Chadbourne, with offices in the Commercial National Bank building in Fond du Lac, where he has practiced continuously since 1907. He was born in Racine county, Wisconsin, March 8, 1870, and was named in honor of his paternal grandfather, Roy Morse, who was a native of Vermont and a farmer by occupation. In 1847 he removed westward to Racine county, Wisconsin, living three miles west of the city of Racine. He reached the very venerable age of ninety-six years and his wife, who in her maidenhood was a Miss Jones, died at the age of ninety-three. They had a large family including James B., Addison J., Charles, Josephine, Genie, Eunice and others. The first named, James B. Morse, was the father of Roy L. Morse and was born in Ohio but was only seven years of age when the family removed to Racine county, Wisconsin, where he was reared to farm life. Later he took up agricultural pursuits on his own account and to that work has devoted his time and attention to the present. Both he and his wife still reside on the old homestead in Racine county. The latter bore the maiden name of Jennie Smith, and is a native of England. Her father, Charles H. Smith, was born in the same country and became a minister of the Baptist church. About 1850 he crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in the east, but later brought his family to Wisconsin and became a pioneer resident of Racine county. For a considerable period he engaged in preaching in the city of Racine and vicinity. He died at the age of eighty years while his wife was ninety-two years of age at the time of her demise.

James B. Morse has always provided for the support of his family through agricultural pursuits, but at the time of the Civil war he put aside all business and personal considerations and went to the front in defense of the Union as a member of the Twenty-second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry with which he served for a long period and then received an honorable discharge. He is a Congregationalist in religious faith and is serving as deacon in the church in which he holds membership. Unto him and his wife were born four children: May, the wife of the Rev. Wallace M. Short, of Sioux City, Iowa; Roy L.; Dr. Samuel Morse, a practicing physician of Kansas City, Missouri; and Harriet, who

is a law student in the office with her brother. All the children are graduates of Ripon College.

Roy L. Morse was reared upon his father's farm in Racine county, Wisconsin, and supplemented his early education, acquired in the public schools, by study in Ripon College which he entered in 1886 when sixteen years of age. He was graduated therefrom in 1894, and with the completion of his preparatory course he went to Princeton. His law reading was directed by the Hon. Frank E. Clark, and in 1896 he successfully passed the examination that secured his admission to the bar. He then located for practice in Ripon, and while there residing was also for two years editor and proprietor of the Ripon Free Press. In 1900 he was elected district attorney which office he filled for four years, and in 1904 he was candidate for congress. In that year he removed to Fond du Lac where he has since practiced law and for a year or more has been associated with Frank W. Chadbourne under the firm style of Morse & Chadbourne. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court. His prominence has come to him as the reward of earnest endeavor, fidelity to trust and recognized ability.

On the 12th of May, 1897, Mr. Morse was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Kellogg, a daughter of John and Gertrude (Jelleff) Kellogg, the latter a native of Canada. Her parents were early settlers of Ripon and a well known family there. Her father died in 1894 when about sixty years of age, since which time Mrs. Kellogg has come to Fond du Lac and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Morse, who is the younger of two children, her brother being Ernest Kellogg. By her marriage Mrs. Morse has become the mother of two children, Birney and Beatrice. Mr. Morse is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P., and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political support is given to the republican party and he is one of its recognized local leaders, serving at the present time as chairman of the republican county committee, which position he has filled for two years. He believes it to be the duty as well as the privilege of every American citizen to exercise his right of franchise and support the political measures which he deems of greatest value to the government, and he recognizes the obligation of the individual to the community in which he lives. He is always loyal to the best interests of his home town, and in his life he has displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken respect and high regard.

THOMAS L. JOHNSON.

The name of Johnson has been well known in agricultural circles of Ashford township since 1848 when Peter Johnson left New York city, where he had settled upon his arrival from Ireland, and came to Fond du Lac county, and purchased a tract of land, unimproved and covered with timber. He was the first of the family to arrive in Wisconsin and was identified with the development and progress of Ashford township. His son Thomas L. Johnson, a native of Fond du Lac county, is a worthy exponent of the principles and standards championed by his father. He has been engaged in progressive agriculture all his life and is one of the successful and representative business men of the section in which he resides. He was born February 15, 1856, and is a son of Peter and Alice (Kelley) Johnson, natives of Ireland. His father was born in County Louth, near the city of Dublin, March 3, 1812, and came to the United States in 1846 settling first in New York city where he resided for two years, working during that time at the mason's trade which he had learned in his native country. In 1848 he came with his wife and one son, Henry, who was

born in New York, to Fond du Lac county where he purchased two hundred and forty acres in Ashford township. The land was entirely unimproved and covered with timber and Mr. Johnson was obliged to build upon it a little log cabin in which he lived for a short time. He afterward erected a more substantial log house and in this the rest of his children were born, Mary Ann, William, Barney, Katherine, Thomas L., of this review, Margaret, Alice, and John. Peter Johnson passed away upon his farm in Ashford township in 1899 when he was eighty-seven years of age. He had long survived his wife who died in 1879 when she was fifty-four years old.

Thomas L. Johnson received his education in a district school of Ashford township and his early life was spent upon his father's farm. He remained at home until 1886 when he went to Minnesota where he purchased land in Redwood county. There he lived for several years and became widely known and greatly respected. He was interested in local politics and his influence with the public is evidenced by the fact that although he was the only democrat in his township he was elected supervisor by a large majority of votes. He served as school director there for a number of years and gained a prominent place in the affairs of the community. He left Minnesota in 1897 returning to the home farm in Ashford township. He then purchased his father's land, made substantial improvements thereon and carried out a general policy of expansion and development. He recently, however, gave over the management of the land to his sons and is living practically retired, although he gives some of his time and attention to the operation of the Hillside Cheese Factory which he founded in 1906 and in which he is still interested.

In 1885, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Curran, a daughter of Farrel and Annie Curran and a native of Eden township, where she was born on November 18, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have six children, Henry Peter, George Farrel, Anna Alice, Agnes Margaret, Mary Charlotta, and Mildred Elizabeth.

Mr. Johnson gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is intelligently interested in public affairs, never seeking public office but always ready to do his duty toward his fellow citizens. In 1908 he was elected section supervisor and served with great ability and efficiency. In the following year he held the position of township chairman. His public life was distinguished by the same qualities of conscientiousness and high moral standards which have characterized his agricultural and business career and which mark him an upright and honorable business man and a loyal and public-spirited citizen. He belongs to St. James Catholic church of Eden and is widely known as a man of excellent character. He has practically retired from active life and has handed over the management of his farm to his sons who in their success as progressive farmers are adhering to the standards of two generations of prosperous agriculturists.

EMIL C. KRAEMER.

Emil C. Kraemer, an abstract and loan broker of Fond du Lac, doing business at No. 71 South Main street, while his residence is located at No. 424 South Marr street, was born June 22, 1881, in the city which is yet his home, his parents being Charles and Amelia (Kobs) Kraemer, both natives of Germany. The father grew to manhood there and came to America about 1871, settling in Fond du Lac, where he has since lived. Here he has been employed in various ways. He wedded Amelia Kobs, whose father was a casket-maker. He came with his family to the new world, settling in Fond du Lac, where he spent his remaining

days, reaching the very advanced age of ninety-five years, while his wife was about the same age at the time of her demise. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kraemer have been born four sons and a daughter: Herman J., William R., Frank F., Emil C. and Elsie, the wife of A. W. Zickert, all living in Fond du Lac.

Emil C. Kraemer was reared in Fond du Lac and attended the public and parochial schools and also a business college. He started in business as a clerk in a crockery store of W. & J. E. Mason but later secured a position in the abstract office of C. L. Encking, who died in 1899. At that time Mr. Kraemer and H. W. Newton formed a partnership and continued in the abstract business together until 1906, when the latter retired, since which time Mr. Kraemer has been alone, conducting an abstract and loan business. He has secured a good clientage and his success is due to his systematic methods, his thoroughness and his trustworthiness.

On the 18th of October, 1905, Mr. Kraemer was married to Miss Martha Mueller, a daughter of Louis and Ernestina (Dins) Mueller. Mrs. Kraemer is a native of this city but her parents came from Germany and making their way into the interior of the country were early settlers of the town of Osceola. They had a family of several children but only two are now living, the son being Otto C. Mueller. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer have been born two children, Bernice E. and Arlyle E. The parents are members of St. Peter's Lutheran church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. Mr. Kraemer gives his political allegiance to the republican party which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has represented the old eighth ward on the board of county supervisors and for two years he was city assessor but he has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in which he has made continuous progress, having reached a most creditable position for one of his years. He has a very wide acquaintance in this, his native city and enjoys the warm friendship of nearly all with whom he has been brought in contact.

HENRY ROOT POTTER.

Henry Root Potter has been president of The Commercial National Bank since its organization in 1901. He is a son of James G. and Eliza A. (Root) Potter and was born in the city of Fond du Lac, October 31, 1861. His grandfather, General John Potter, prominent in the Pennsylvania state militia during the Mexican war, 1847-48, and his grandmother, Amelia Burnside, cousin of General Ambrose Everett Burnside, of military fame, governor of Rhode Island from 1866-69, also United States senator from Rhode Island 1875-1880, came to Wisconsin in the early '50s and settled in Fond du Lac. Having capital, he became interested in the large industries of the state. Mr. Potter's father, James G. Potter, enlisted in the First Wisconsin Volunteers, 1861-65, being made a lieutenant in the regular army at the close of the Civil War, which office he resigned on account of ill health.

Henry Root Potter received his education in the schools of the city, and in 1880 entered the employ of the A. K. Hamilton Lumber interests, in time being promoted to the position of secretary and manager, which position he held until 1891, when purchasing the interests of A. K. Hamilton, he organized the Fond du Lac Lumber Company. In 1904 Mr. Potter disposed of his lumber interests, and since that time has devoted his attention to his duties as president of The Commercial National Bank; secretary and treasurer of The Haber Potter Theater Company, which company owns the Henry Boyle theater; secretary and treasurer of The Fountain City Supply Company; secretary and treasurer of The

Northern Casket Company; and secretary and treasurer of The Fond du Lac Church Furniture Company, also serving on the directories of The P. B. Haber Printing Company and The Sand Rock Water Company, of North Fond du Lac.

On May 13, 1886, Mr. Potter was united in marriage with Miss Clementina B. Russell of Natchitoches, Louisiana, foster daughter of the Right Reverend J. H. Hobart Brown, first bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Fond du Lac. Their only child, a son, Hamilton Potter, died in infancy.

Mr. Potter belongs to Fidelity Lodge No. 19, K. of P., having served as grand chancellor of the state in 1900. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. As a citizen, he has served as alderman, supervisor, city treasurer and county treasurer, and has been president of the park board from 1902 until the present time. The city of Fond du Lac is indebted to him for the beauty and growth of the park system, the continuous drive from Park avenue through Lakeside park to Main street having been accomplished by his untiring energy.

RAYMOND C. FAIRBANK.

Raymond C. Fairbank, attorney at law and justice of the peace, qualified for the profession by a thorough course in the University of Wisconsin and has since his graduation and his admission to the bar, in 1902, been here engaged in practice. He is one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Fond du Lac township, January 25, 1870. His parents were Byron M. and Almira E. (Spafford) Fairbank, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Fairbank, lived in the Empire state until 1844 when he came to Wisconsin and the following year settled upon land in Waupun township. The tract was wild and unimproved but he converted it into rich fields and there reared his family. He was not only one of the valued pioneer settlers of the community and a progressive farmer, but also a worthy county official who for many years served as county surveyor. He married Hannah Chapin and unto them were born three children who lived to adult age—Byron M., Chester M. and Frank M.

Byron M. Fairbank was a lad of only four years when his parents arrived in Fond du Lac county, settling, as previously stated, on the Waupun township farm in 1845. There he was reared to manhood and for many years he engaged in farming on his own account. He also filled the office of county surveyor, occupying the position for five terms. He wedded Almira E. Spafford, the daughter of David and Olive (Crocker) Spafford. Her father was a native of the Green Mountain state and devoted his life to farming and school teaching. He became an early settler of Fond du Lac township and contributed to the pioneer development and progress of the county within the borders of which he continued to reside until called to his final rest at the age of eighty-four years. His wife was sixty-six years of age when she passed away. In their family were four children: William, who died as a soldier of the Civil war; Almira E.; Laura, who is the wife of Joseph Trigg; and Edwin J. Of these Almira became the wife of Byron M. Fairbank and in the course of years their family numbered six children: Henry E., who is living in Plainfield, Wisconsin; Laura, the wife of Clarence Odekirk, of Monticello, Wisconsin; Raymond C., of Fond du Lac; Marcia A., the wife of Frank Hubbard, of Los Angeles, California; Alfred F., who makes his home in Plainfield, Wisconsin; and Edith H., who died at the age of twelve years. The father of these children passed away on the old home farm in 1901 when sixty-one years of age and is survived by his wife. He was a member of the Baptist church and served as one of its trustees. He filled the office

of town clerk as well as that of county supervisor and was always a trustworthy man under any condition and in any emergency. Mrs. Fairbank also holds to the faith of the Baptist church and shares in the high regard in which her husband was uniformly held.

Raymond C. Fairbank had the usual experiences of farm life during the boyhood days spent upon the old homestead in Waupun township. He was a pupil in the district school near his home and also in the Waupun high school and later he pursued a course in the Dixon (Ill.) Business College. Entering business life he traveled for four years for the Northwestern Yeast Company but desirous of entering upon a profession took up the study of law in the University of Wisconsin and was graduated therefrom in 1902. The same year he was admitted to the bar and began practice in Fond du Lac where he has since remained. In 1907 he was elected justice of the peace and is now serving for the third term. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial, being based upon the law and the equity in the case and the fact that he is the incumbent in that position for a third term is indicative of the public confidence reposed on him.

On the 30th of December, 1896, Mr. Fairbank was married to Miss Julia Alice Russell, a daughter of Lewis W. and Alice (Crofoot) Russell. They have one child, Nelson Russell. The parents are members of the Congregational church and Mr. Fairbank belongs to Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P. He is also connected with the Equitable Fraternal Union, the Moose, the Buffaloes, the Modern Brotherhood and the Fraternal Order of Rangers. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he always keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He stands for loyalty and progress in citizenship and in his law practice and his work in the justice court holds to a high standard of professional ethics.

CHESTER ARTHUR BALSON.

Chester Arthur Balson is one of the respected and well known farmers of Fond du Lac county where he is successfully engaged in the cultivation of a highly developed farm of sixty acres. In addition to his general farming interests he makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Buff Orpingtons, and his chicken industry is one of the most successful of its kind in Fond du Lac county. He was born May 31, 1887, and is a son of John and Azuba (Braman) Balson. The paternal grandfather was James Balson, who was born in Cornwall, England, in 1807, and emigrated to America at a very early period in the history of Wisconsin, settling on a farm of eighty acres of government land located in the town of Byron, south of the city of Fond du Lac on the Milwaukee road. To him belongs the distinction of having built the first shack in that part of the county which he used as a domicile for his family. He later built a very comfortable log cabin which has the distinction of having been the first house built in the township of Byron. There he remained, developing and improving his farm until the time of his death. The father settled in Wisconsin in 1842 at the time his father located in Fond du Lac county, and has since continued to live upon the old homestead. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Azuba Braman, is a native of Ohio, her birth having there occurred in 1845. She removed to Wisconsin when a small child and later settled in Fond du Lac where she celebrated her marriage in Byron township on the 17th of May, 1868. To Mr. and Mrs. Balson ten children were born. Alvin, an agriculturist of Byron township, married Marion Shortt, of Oakfield, and they have become the parents of three children, James, William and Charles. Alice, now the wife of James Shortt, a civil engineer, is a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. Norman J. is a carpenter by trade and married Miss Mae Stenberg, of Fond du Lac. Frank,

who is engaged in farming in Fond du Lac township, married Miss Demmis Ewer, and to them four children were born, Warren, Blanche, Gladys and Hazel, the last named passing away in 1908. Florence became the wife of Henry Rucks, a farmer of Fond du Lac. She was called upon to mourn the loss of her husband April 2, 1907. She had become the mother of three sons, Henry, Walter and John, and one daughter, Frances. Mary G. was united in marriage to William Muehlenbein, a native of Germany, now operating a farm in Byron township, and to them one child, Hugo M., was born. Millie became the wife of Albert Ladewig, a carpenter of Fond du Lac, and to that union four children were born: Holly; Edward; Elmer, and Chester Arthur who passed away in 1902 at the age of three years. Mr. and Mrs. Ladewig are residents of Indianapolis, Indiana. Charles L. resides at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and is employed as fireman on the railroad. He married Miss Bessie E. White, of Campbellsport, and they are the parents of two daughters, Alice and Ruth. Cynthia is the wife of Grant James Gilbert, a carpenter, and they reside at Richmond, Indiana. Chester Arthur, of this review, is the last in order of birth.

He was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Fond du Lac county. At the age of fifteen years he went to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he pursued a course of business instruction and immediately following the completion of his studies in that city he returned to Fond du Lac and engaged in work on his father's farm. Since the retirement of the latter from active business cares Chester Arthur Balson has had complete charge of the operation of the farm in which he has been very successful.

On the 7th of April, 1909, Mr. Balson was united in marriage to Miss Essie Abel, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Abel, the former a retired farmer of Fond du Lac county. Mr. Balson is a member of the independent wing of the democratic party and he and his wife are communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is one of the enterprising and useful citizens of the county in which he was born and where he has since continued to live. He is among the well known men of the younger class of farmers, and in his chosen vocation is making a marked success.

ANDREW B. AMBELANG.

Andrew B. Ambelang, who has conducted a saloon at Fond du Lac in association with William A. Becker since 1904, is also the proprietor of the most popular cafe in the city. His birth occurred in Cascade, Wisconsin, on the 6th of August, 1875, his parents being Morris and Magdalene (Reindrand) Ambelang, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Sheboygan county, this state. Morris Ambelang, who came to Wisconsin at the age of thirty, was a shoemaker by trade and passed away in the year 1909. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, as follows: Andrew B., of this review; George, who is a barber and jeweler of Cascade, this state; Mary, who is the mother of one child, Morris, and the wife of Guy Chaplin, a building contractor, and the proprietor of a billiard hall at Plymouth where he makes his home; Joseph, who is a machinist residing in Bellevue, Ohio, and who married Miss Selina Reidy, of Madison, Wisconsin; Herbert, who is a resident of Montana; William, who died in infancy; Fred, who is employed by a fire protection concern in the installation of sprinklers and who wedded Miss Ethel Mason, of Fond du Lac, by whom he has one child; William, the second of the name, who is a student in the College of Milwaukee; Charles, who is in the service of the same concern which employs his brother Fred, with whom he resides at Kenosha; and Lyle, who attends the high school at Waldo.

Andrew B. Ambelang attended a parochial school in Sheboygan until fourteen years of age and subsequently worked at the shoemaker's trade there for one year, later spending three years at that occupation in Cedarburg. On the 4th of July, 1898, he joined Company E, Fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, from which he was honorably discharged on the 1st of March, 1899, at the close of his term of enlistment. He then resided in Cedarburg for a year and afterward spent about three years in Milwaukee, being employed as a traveling shoe salesman out of that city for three seasons. Subsequently he was employed as a bookkeeper for two years and on the expiration of that period, in 1904, opened a saloon at Fond du Lac in association with William A. Becker. This partnership has been maintained with mutual pleasure and profit to the present time. Mr. Ambelang is likewise the proprietor of the most popular cafe in Fond du Lac and has won success in his business undertakings.

In 1912 Mr. Ambelang was united in marriage to Miss Anah Diener, a daughter of August Diener of Fond du Lac. The two little girls, Ruth and Jeanette, are the life of the home. In politics Mr. Ambelang is a democrat, while in religious faith he is a Catholic. His fraternal relations are with the Eagles and the Order of Moose and he is also a member of Arthur McCourt Camp of Spanish-American War Veterans.

LOUIS F. McLEAN.

Louis F. McLean, who has for six years been identified with the commercial interests of South Byron, where he is engaged in the hardware and implement business, was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, on the 10th of August, 1867. He is a son of William A. and Sarah McLean, natives of Canada, the father's birth having there occurred on February 22, 1836. William A. McLean first came to Fond du Lac county in 1852, and here for many years he was actively and successfully engaged in farming, but he is now living retired in South Byron. The family of Mr. and Mrs. McLean numbers three: Louis F., our subject; Hattie J., who married E. M. Cowles, of Leroy, Wisconsin, now farming in Byron township, and has become the mother of four children; and Charles H., a real-estate dealer in Great Falls, Montana, who married Gertrude Ripley, of Oakfield. The father is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company K, First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

The early life of Louis F. McLean was passed on his father's farm, in the work of which he assisted while pursuing his education in the district schools. He laid aside his text-books at the age of twenty and for a year thereafter worked for his father. Soon after attaining his majority he started out for himself and for two years farmed as a renter. At the expiration of that time he became associated with his brother-in-law in the creamery business, being identified with that industry for nine years. He subsequently turned his attention to commercial activities and in 1906 engaged in the hardware and implement business in South Byron. He has been very successful in the development of this enterprise and enjoys a good trade, drawing his patrons from both the village and the surrounding country for a radius of several miles. Practical and enterprising in his methods, he exercises good judgment and foresight in the selection of his wares and keeps a large and varied assortment of shelf and heavy hardware, cutlery and such sundries as are usually to be found in a store of this kind, his stock invoicing six thousand dollars. He also owns a hundred and sixty acres of land in South Dakota.

In Byron township on the 28th of November, 1890, Mr. McLean was married to Miss Carrie Felch, a daughter of Henry and Harriet Felch. The father, who passed away in 1883, was one of the well known pioneer farmers of Min-

nesota. Mr. and Mrs. McLean are the parents of three children, Walter, Orson and Fearne.

Fraternally Mr. McLean is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Equitable Fraternal Union. He is a republican in his political views, giving his indorsement to the progressive faction of that party. He has several times been called to public office, having served as school treasurer for fifteen years and as township treasurer for seven. Mr. McLean is one of the enterprising business men and public-spirited citizens of South Byron, in the progress and development of which he takes an active and helpful interest.

DAVID O. WILLIAMS.

David O. Williams, lawyer and assistant postmaster of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, is a man to whom his fellow townsmen may well point with pride. He was born June 17, 1865, in Manchester, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, of a family whose members have been well known in the country of Wales for generations. The sturdy race from which Mr. Williams is descended is one marked by the longevity of its members, many of its men and women having attained to more than the scriptural three score years and ten. William Williams, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Wales and spent his life in that country, throughout his active years being employed as a quarryman. He died at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, Ann (Williams) Williams, like her husband lived and died in her native land, her demise occurring when she was eighty-six years old. There were three children in their family, as follows: William; Robert W., the father of David O. Williams; and Elizabeth, wife of Morgan Jones. Robert Hughes, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Anglesey, Wales, and like William Williams also a quarryman by occupation. He married Alice Williams and they lived to the ripe ages of ninety-six and eighty-five years respectively. They were the parents of the following: Owen; Thomas; John; Benjamin and David, twins; Lydia; Ellen; Margaret; Elizabeth; Martha; and Alice, who by her marriage to Robert W. Williams became the mother of David O. Williams. Anglesey, Wales, was the birthplace of Robert W. Williams, and the family residence was near the city of Beaumaris. He and his wife, Alice (Hughes) Williams, were the parents of four sons and one daughter, as follows: William H., of Preston, Minnesota; Robert H., of Manchester, Wisconsin; Ann J., wife of John H. Roberts of Chewelah, Washington; David O., of this review; and Daniel T., of Manchester, Wisconsin.

In 1850 Robert W. Williams left his native land and with his family made the voyage to America. His life previously had been spent upon a farm and in the new land he naturally sought a region which would yield good returns for his labor, his choice being Manchester township, Green Lake county, Wisconsin. He improved the farm upon which he settled and developed it, at the same time adding to its acreage until he owned three hundred and fifty acres. He, like other members of his ancestry, attained a patriarchal age, dying in 1908 at the age of eighty-three years. He is survived by his widow, who makes her home in Fond du Lac. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Williams were Presbyterians and he was an elder in the church which they attended. In addition to his responsibility as a landowner and the father of a family of five children, Mr. Williams bore his share of public duties, holding the position of township supervisor.

The boyhood of David O. Williams was passed upon his father's farm and in the neighboring district schools he acquired his primary and elementary education. This he supplemented by study at the Oshkosh Normal School while he himself was a teacher, passing on to his pupils the knowledge which he prev-

iously had derived from advanced text-books and older teachers. After his student days were over Mr. Williams continued in the profession of teaching, acting as principal of the high school at Waldo, Wisconsin, and at another time filling a like position at Shawano, Wisconsin. Contemplating the study of law he withdrew from the principalship he held and entered the Illinois College of Law, from which institution he was graduated in 1904. That same year he was admitted to the bar and entered upon his career as a practicing attorney in Fond du Lac, and the years which have followed have brought to him honors and preferments and a substantial prosperity. During the four years from 1901 to 1904 inclusive Mr. Williams served as clerk of the circuit court, and since he has taken up his residence in Fond du Lac he has filled the offices of court clerk, court commissioner and park commissioner.

On the 28th of February, 1901, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Mrs. Jennie S. Griffeth, widow of George Griffeth and daughter of Benjamin F. and Abby J. (Smith) Sweet. Mrs. Williams is a native of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, to which place her parents came as pioneers from the east, her father being a native of Vermont and her mother of Connecticut. Her father, Benjamin F. Sweet, died in 1903, at the age of seventy-three years, while her mother is still living. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Williams are: Waldo; George B.; Benjamin F.; Henry L.; Ada, wife of Sherman Pebbles; Mary, the deceased wife of Frank Avery; Alice, wife of Wallace Ewing; Anna, wife of J. H. McNeel; Kathryn, wife of Robert M. Amory; and Ellis, who was killed in a railroad wreck. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of three sons, Robert, Thomas and Burwell, the two latter being twins. The family home is at No. 140 East Second street.

As an upholder of the men and measures of the republican party David O. Williams is well known throughout the region of which Fond du Lac is the center. For about ten years he has been secretary of the county republican committee, and now occupies the office of assistant postmaster of Fond du Lac. He is identified with various leading fraternal orders, being a member of Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. of P., the Equitable Fraternal Union and the National Fraternal League. Mr. and Mrs. Williams attend upon the services of the Presbyterian church, and give their hearty support to all measures for the public good. Mr. Williams fills a large place in the professional, social, political and fraternal circles of Fond du Lac and represents that estimable class of citizens that enrich their communities from which they in turn have reason to expect cooperation and esteem.

STEPHEN B. MAHONEY.

Stephen B. Mahoney is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Fond du Lac, where he is engaged in the undertaking business under the firm name of McLane & Mahoney. He is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Eden, December 20, 1876, and he is the son of James and Catherine (Tuohig) Mahoney. His parents were both natives of Ireland and were among the early pioneers of Wisconsin, having emigrated to America in 1844. Two years later James Mahoney established his residence in Eden, this county. In his family were twelve children. Patrick married Anna Curran, of Campbellsport, this state, and they reside at Eden. Myra is the wife of Timothy Buckley, of Chicago, and they have four children, Glindess, Geraldine, Florence and Malcolm. James married Nellie Crenen, of Clarksville, Iowa, and they have four children, Alice, Daniel, Emmet and William, the latter of whom is engaged in farming at Nashua, Iowa. Margaret married J. F. Cunningham, of Empire, Wisconsin, and they now live at Eden, this state. They have a family of four children, Laura,

Edward, Helen and Marie. Michael married Mary Conley, of Fond du Lac, and they are the parents of one child, Catherine, and reside in Chicago. Mary, is the wife of John Killilia, of Eden. Daniel resides in Eden. Eliza is the wife of William Carr, of Eden, and they have three children, Lloyd, Hazel and James C. Nora married George H. Flood, of Eden, and they are the parents of two children, George H., Jr., and James. Stephen B. is the subject of this review. Catherine married John O'Brien, proprietor of a general store and grain elevator at Eden, and they have two children, John T. and Mary. William, who completes the family, resides at home.

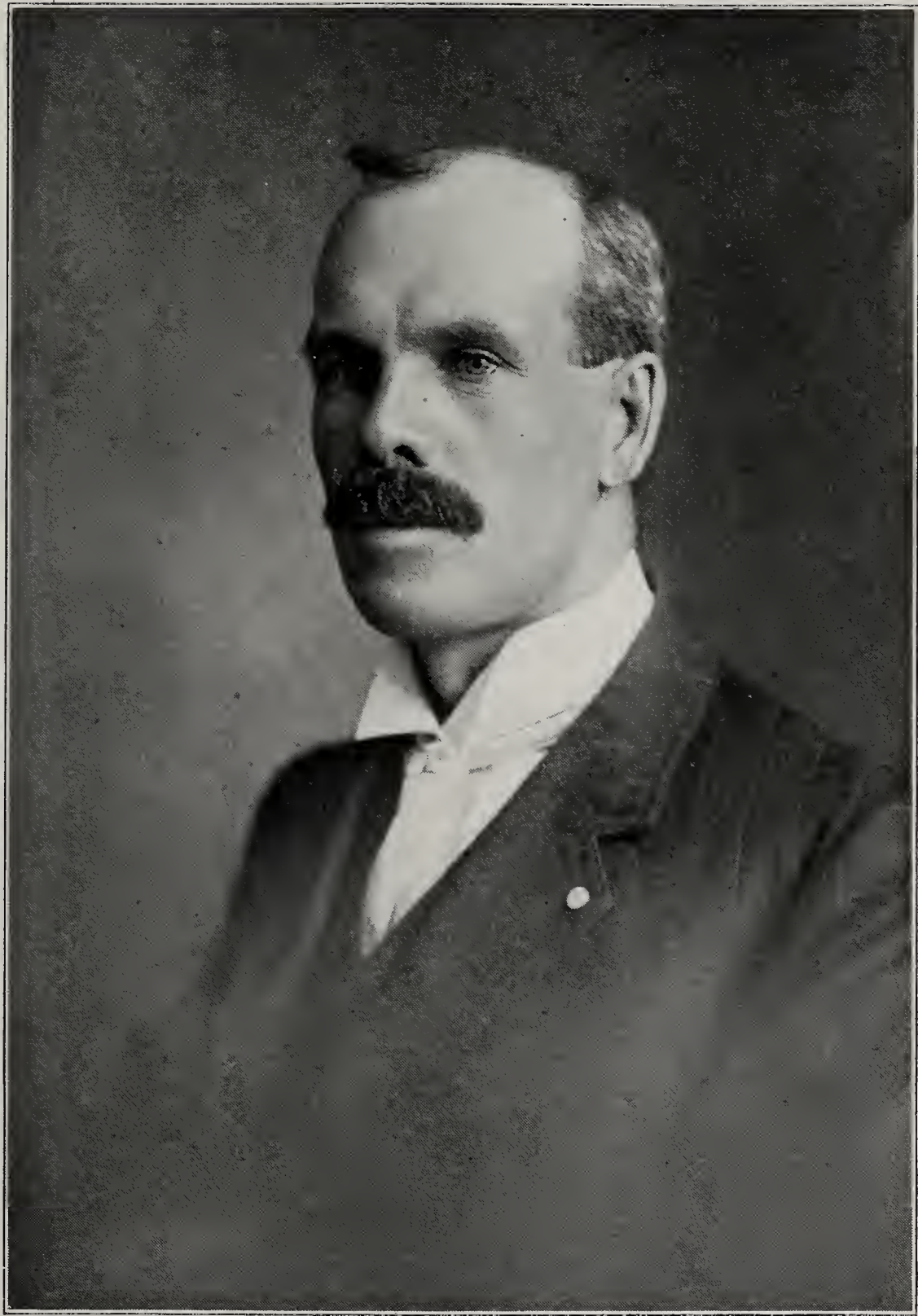
Stephen B. Mahoney was reared in his parents' home and received his elementary education in the public schools of Eden, later pursuing a two years' course of study in the State Normal School at Oshkosh. He then engaged in business in Eden, purchasing a general store which he continued to operate for a period of two years. Later he was employed as a traveling salesman for the International Harvester Company and continued to represent that company for three consecutive years, after which he entered the employ of the La Crosse Plow Company and remained in that connection for one year. For the next five years he followed the occupation of a commercial traveler, handling various lines of goods carried by the general retail trade. On May 27, 1907, he associated himself in partnership with D. W. McLane in the undertaking business in Fond du Lac and continued to devote his attention to the interests of that business as joint owner and partner until the death of Mr. McLane, which occurred in 1911. After the death of his partner Mr. Mahoney assumed full charge of the business, which he still continues under the firm name of McLane & Mahoney.

On June 4, 1902, Mr. Mahoney was united in marriage to Miss Juliana Julian Doyle, a daughter of John Doyle, of Fond du Lac. Mrs. Mahoney is a graduate nurse of the West Side Hospital of Chicago in the class of 1900. Mr. Mahoney is affiliated with the democratic party, and fraternally is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the W. C. T., the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and Mrs. Mahoney are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Fond du Lac and earnest workers in its behalf. Mr. Mahoney is an efficient and very successful man in his line of business and maintains an up-to-date and perfectly equipped undertaking establishment. He is universally known throughout the county and city as a man of unquestioned integrity and reliability in all his business transactions and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

SAMUEL H. LONGDIN.

Samuel H. Longdin is the vice president of the well known Longdin-Brugger Company, carriage trimmers and manufacturers of auto tops. This up-to-date and successful firm is engaged in the manufacture and repair of auto and carriage tops and is one of the important industrial corporations of Fond du Lac. Messrs. Brugger and Longdin embarked in the business in 1898 and the company was subsequently organized under the laws of Wisconsin, with a paid-up capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, the incorporators of the company being: Carl Brugger, president; Samuel H. Longdin, vice president; William Treleven, secretary; and Levi Treleven, treasurer.

Samuel H. Longdin was born in Brown county, Wisconsin, in the town of De Pere, November 8, 1863, and is the son of John B. and Mary (Harrison) Longdin. The father was a native of England, his birth having occurred in 1834. He was by trade and occupation a mason and during his life followed the pursuits of his craft. At an early day he emigrated to America



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and settled in Brown county, Wisconsin, where he met and later was united in wedlock to Miss Mary Harrison, who was a native of Canada and who removed to this country with her parents when she was a small child, the family settling in Brown county, this state. Immediately following their marriage Mr. Longdin established his home in the township of De Pere, where he continued to live during the remaining years of his life. In 1874 he died at the age of forty years. To Mr. and Mrs. Longdin were born four children. Fannie married Daniel Kies, a mail carrier of Green Bay, and they became the parents of three children, Carrie, Louisa and Susan. Samuel H. Longdin is the subject of this review. Nettie became the wife of Irwin Clopeck, an attorney residing at Manitowoc, and passed away in 1900. Grace, who completes the family, married William Treleven, secretary of the Longdin-Brugger Company, and they have three children, Nettie, Daniel and John.

Samuel H. Longdin was reared at home and educated in the public schools of De Pere, pursuing his studies through the lower grades and spending one year as a student in the high school. Immediately following the close of his school period he was engaged in work as a farm laborer for three years, after which he acquired a complete knowledge of the carriage-trimming business and continued to be employed at that work by one man for sixteen consecutive years. In 1898, in company with his associates, he organized the Longdin-Brugger Company, carriage trimmers and manufacturers of auto tops, and since that time has devoted his entire attention to the interests of that company.

In 1884 Mr. Longdin enlisted in Company E, Second Wisconsin Regiment, National Guard, and served as a private in that command for three years, when he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and later to that of first sergeant, and again promoted to the office of first lieutenant, mounted, at the time of the opening of the Spanish-American war. Early in the history of that conflict his company was ordered to service in the field and became a part of the American army in Porto Rico, under the command of General Miles, and during the time of hostilities Mr. Longdin served as adjutant of the second battalion. At the close of the war with Spain he returned to Fond du Lac and was elected a life member of Company E.

Mr. Longdin was united in wedlock to Miss Anna Mogan, of Fond du Lac, a daughter of Michael and Catherine Mogan, and to them two children have been born, Leo and Gladys. He is politically affiliated with the republican party, and his fraternal relations are with the Knights of Columbus and the Tribe of Ben Hur. Mr. Longdin and his family are members of St. Patrick's church of Fond du Lac. Samuel H. Longdin is one of the substantial and highly respected business men of Fond du Lac and is regarded as one of the enterprising and influential citizens of his state and county.

ELLEN FLYNN.

Ellen Flynn, who is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which she has resided for almost a half century, is the owner of an excellent and well improved farm in Eden township and operates the same in association with her brother James. Her father, John Flynn, who was a native of County Clare, Ireland, emigrated to the United States as a young man and first settled in Connecticut, where he resided for a few years, working in the mines. In that state, on the 18th of October, 1856, he wedded Miss Bridget Sammons, a native of County Cork, Ireland, who came to the United States with her uncle and settled first in New York, subsequently removing to Connecticut. In that state four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn, namely: Ellen, of this review; James; Mary; and John. In December, 1864, the family came to

Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, settling in Eden township, where the father purchased the land which has since remained the home place. The tract was unbroken and covered with timber and it was necessary to clear the same before the work of farming could be begun. John Flynn, Sr., erected thereon a log house which remained the family residence until 1892, when it was replaced by a new and more modern structure. He likewise built barns and successfully carried on the work of general farming until called to his final rest on the 4th of July, 1893, when seventy years of age. In his passing the community lost one of its substantial and respected pioneer residents and his family a devoted and loving husband and father. His wife, surviving him for a number of years, died on the home place on the 10th of March, 1908. Two other children, Bridget and Ann, had been added to the family in this county. All of the children acquired their education in the old log schoolhouse of the home district.

After the father had passed away John Flynn, Jr., operated the home farm until his demise in 1908, his death, which occurred as the result of an operation, probably hastening that of the mother. Since that time the farm has been the property of Ellen Flynn, who has supervised its operation. James Flynn, who married and removed to Spencer, South Dakota, returned home after the death of his wife and now lives with his sister Ellen. Miss Flynn is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic church and is a woman of kindly heart and attractive disposition. She has won many friends throughout the community in which she resides and is well entitled to mention in this volume as a representative of an honored pioneer family.

WILLIAM L. HANSEN.

William L. Hansen is one of the well known citizens of Fond du Lac where he is engaged in the operation of a farm of eighty acres, to which he devotes his attention during the summer season and during the fall and winter months is engaged in the successful operation of an up-to-date and perfectly equipped threshing machine. He was born in Fond du Lac county, April 17, 1877, and is a son of August and Sarah (Edwards) Hansen. The father is a native of Germany and at the age of two years emigrated to America with his parents, who settled on a farm in Calumet county, Wisconsin. The mother is a native of Wisconsin, her birth having occurred in Eldorado. Mr. and Mrs. August Hansen became the parents of twelve children, all of whom are living, as follows: William L., who is the eldest member of the family; Frank, who is an agriculturist and married Miss Ida Batterman; Effie, who became the wife of George McArthur, a brakeman on the Soo Line; Pearl; Earl, who is unmarried and resides at home; Ira, who makes his home in Fond du Lac and is employed in a factory and married Miss Della Fischer of Iron Mountain; Guy, who is assistant engineer in the power house of the Eastern Wisconsin Railway & Light Company and is unmarried; Claude and Maude, twins; and Hazel, Amy and Agnes, who are single and reside on the home farm at Oakfield.

William L. Hansen was reared in his parents' home and completed his elementary education in the public schools at the age of sixteen. He was then employed on his father's farm for a period of five years, after which he obtained employment as a farm hand and continued in that occupation for two years and then removed to Fond du Lac where he was engaged in work in the railroad shops for one summer. At the end of that time he, in company with his brother Frank, purchased a threshing machine outfit, which they successfully operated for two years when William L. bought the interest of his brother and since 1904 has continued in the threshing machine business as sole owner of his modern outfit which he operates in all parts of eastern Wisconsin. In addition to his

threshing business he owns and cultivates a very fine farm of eighty acres located in Fond du Lac county.

Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Isabella McArthur, of Fond du Lac, a daughter of John and Vica McArthur. The father during his active life was engaged in farming but for the past five years has lived retired and now resides at 235 Tenth street, Fond du Lac. To Mr. and Mrs. Hansen two children have been born: William, who died in infancy; and Glenn.

Mr. Hansen is affiliated with the republican party and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Hansen is one of the enterprising and successful citizens of Fond du Lac county and his business as the owner and operator of a threshing machine has brought him in personal touch with the entire population residing in the territory in which he conducts his threshing business. This fact has made him one of the best known citizens of his part of the state and he is everywhere esteemed for his integrity and prompt attention to the conduct of his business affairs.

DENNIS FRANCIS BLEWETT.

Dennis Francis Blewett, attorney at law and justice of the peace in Fond du Lac, was born in Eldorado, Fond du Lac county, March 6, 1869. He comes of a family of Irish origin, his grandparents being John and Mary (Flynn) Blewett, both of whom were natives of the Emerald isle, in which the former spent his entire life, passing away there when well advanced in years. His widow afterward came to America and died in Stamford, Connecticut, at the remarkable old age of one hundred and two years. They had a family of seven children, namely: John, Thomas, James, Michael, Pierce, Catherine and Mary.

Of these Pierce Blewett, father of Dennis Blewett, was born and reared in Ireland, whence he came to America in 1846. He was first employed in factories and wire mills of New York and Connecticut but the growing business opportunities of the west attracted him and in 1852 he came to Wisconsin, settling in Eldorado township, Fond du Lac county, on a farm which he still owns. It bore little resemblance to the present property at the time of his purchase, being covered with a dense growth of timber, in the midst of which he made a little clearing and built a log house. Then acre after acre was cleared and brought under the plow and as the time passed he also added to the buildings upon his farm, the pioneer home being replaced by a commodious and comfortable frame residence in 1873. A large barn and sheds were built, affording ample shelter for grain and stock and the latest improved machinery was secured to carry on the work of the fields. It was upon that farm that he reared his family. He was married in 1859 to Miss Johanna O'Connell, a native of County Cork, Ireland. She was one of several children, including Timothy, Martin, and Dennis, but their parents never left Ireland. The death of Mrs. Blewett occurred in 1896, when she was sixty years of age. She was a consistent member of the Catholic church, of which Mr. Blewett is also a communicant. He served as school director in Eldorado township for a number of years and has long been numbered among the prominent and representative residents there. Unto him and his wife were born twelve children: Edmund, who is deceased; Michael, who is living on the old homestead farm in Eldorado township; Martin, a practicing physician of Fond du Lac; Pierce, who died at the age of two years; Paul, who is a traveling insurance adjuster; Johanna, the wife of John Reilly, of this county; Dennis, our subject; William, who is at home; Rose, a teacher in the public schools; Patrick Henry, an insurance appraiser and adjuster; Mary Agnes,

who is a trained nurse at Charleston, West Virginia; and Margaret, who died in infancy.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Dennis F. Blewett in his boyhood and youth. He was reared on the old homestead in Eldorado township, dividing his time between the duties of the school-room, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. Later he supplemented his early education by study in the Oshkosh Normal School and in the State University, being graduated from the law department of the university in 1898. The same year he was admitted to the bar and opened an office in Fond du Lac, where he has since engaged in practice. In the spring of 1899 he was elected justice of the peace and still continues in that position, his long retention in office being proof of the fact that his decisions are strictly fair and impartial.

In July, 1902, Mr. Blewett was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Elizabeth De Reamer, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Fitzpatrick) De Reamer. Mrs. Blewett was born at Meadville, Pennsylvania. Her father, however, is a native of New York, and her mother of Ireland, but they have been residents of Fond du Lac for thirty years. In their family are four children: Gertrude Elizabeth; Laura J., the wife of William Ellis, of Knoxville, Tennessee; Theresa, a teacher in the public school of Tacoma, Washington; and Charles, of Portland, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Blewett have three children, Thomas Francis, Pierce Anthony and Charles De Reamer. The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Blewett holds membership in Fond du Lac Council No. 664, K. C., and in the Equitable Fraternal Union, of which he is the president. His political allegiance is given to the progressive democratic party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek office outside the strict path of his profession. He belongs to one of the old families of the county and as such is widely known but it is his personal traits of character which have won for him the kindly regard and good-will which are uniformly given him.

BOLAND BROTHERS.

George E., John L. and William F. Boland, under the firm name of Boland Brothers, are engaged in the successful operation of one of the largest dairy farms in Fond du Lac county. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Boland, both of whom are natives of Ireland. The father was born in that country in 1836 and at an early age in life emigrated to America with his parents, who settled at Chilton, Wisconsin, in 1846. He remained under the parental roof until he was old enough to engage in light farm work, at which time he was employed for a number of years as a common laborer on the farm. During the winter season he worked in the lumber woods of Wisconsin and his summer months were devoted to farming. In 1894 he purchased a farm and engaged in the dairy business under the name of Boland's Dairy. He continued to operate that business for five consecutive years, after which he turned the property over to his sons and retired from active business life.

Patrick Boland was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Powers, a native of Ireland, who at the age of twelve years emigrated to America with her parents, who settled in Fond du Lac, where she celebrated her wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Boland became the parents of five children: John, who died when five years of age; Joseph, who died at the age of two years; George, John and William, who were born respectively in 1866, 1869 and 1872. William married Isabella Ferguson, of Byron, Wisconsin, by whom he has four children, Francis, Marley, Mildred and Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Boland and their family are mem-

bers of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Fond du Lac. Mr. Boland is affiliated with the democratic party, as are also his three sons of this review.

The Boland Brothers' farm consists of four hundred and twenty-two acres of highly developed agricultural land, on which they are successfully engaged in the operation of one of the largest dairy farms in their part of the state. They use at present in their business eighty head of well selected dairy cows and employ five milkmen the year round. George E., John L. and William F. Boland were reared in their parents' home and received their early education in the public schools of Fond du Lac. They remained under the parental roof and as young men were engaged in work on their father's farm, at which they continued to be employed until 1899, when they took control of the Boland Dairy Farm, which they have since successfully operated. They are among the most enterprising citizens of Fond du Lac county and as business men they are distinguished for promptness and integrity in their dealings with the general public. George E. Boland is serving as township treasurer for the fifth year. The Boland brothers are always interested in the welfare and development of the community and are justly entitled to be numbered among the most desirable citizens of their part of the state.

SAMUEL BAUMHARDT.

Samuel Baumhardt, a native son and representative agriculturist of Fond du Lac county, owns and operates a well improved farm in Eden township. It was in that township that his birth occurred, his natal day being February 13, 1861. His father, Jacob Baumhardt, was born in Rhenish, Prussia, on the 12th of May, 1828, and there acquired his education. For a period of three years, from 1848 to 1851, he served in the Prussian army. In September, 1854, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, spending the first year of his residence in this country in the state of Ohio. He had been influenced to come to America by his cousin, who had been in this country for a year or two and who wrote him to the effect that he had a sawmill in Ohio and could give him plenty of work to do. Jacob Baumhardt was in search of a new home and field of endeavor and therefore came to the United States. He found his cousin going about from house to house with a sawbuck and saw on his shoulders, sawing wood whenever the job was offered him. When he realized the magnitude of his cousin's "mill" he was much discouraged and desired to return to his native land but finally determined to remain in America and overcome the obstacles that confronted him by hard work and perseverance. Thus it was that Wisconsin gained a worthy and valued citizen. In 1855 he made his way to Milwaukee by train and thence came to Fond du Lac by stage, assisting in the erection of the first stone house at that place. Subsequently he was employed in Sylvester's stone quarry for four years and at that period he purchased a tract of forty acres on section 28, Eden township, all of the land being unbroken and covered with timber. During the summer months Jacob Baumhardt worked in the stone quarries but in the winter time he would clear his land from brush and timber. At that time an incident occurred which well illustrates the abundance of wild game in this region. One morning before going to work he had cut down a few trees and coming back at noon he found a couple of deer browsing among the boughs of the trees. Procuring a shot gun, he intended to bring down the game, to stock his larder, but "buck fever" caught him and he missed his aim. His gun went wild and how little used the deer were to the new danger of proximity of human habitation was shown when in mild wonderment they looked up at him and then peacefully and leisurely trotted away. He erected a log cabin on this place and resided thereon for about six years. In September, 1858, he had married Miss Elizabeth Brim, who was born in Switzerland and who came to this country

with her mother. Disposing of his original farm, Jacob Baumhardt bought another tract of eighty acres on section 28, Eden township, erected another log house and resided therein until 1893. His first farm was the birthplace of four of his children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Charles; Samuel, of this review; and Frederick. While residing on their second farm Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baumhardt became the parents of three children, namely: Matilda, Carolina and Amelia. It was in 1886 that Jacob Baumhardt purchased the farm on which he took up his abode in 1893 and on which he spent the remaining years of his life, residing in a comfortable and commodious home which he had erected thereon. His demise, which occurred on the 21st of May, 1905, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had gained many friends during the half century of his residence in this county. His wife, who was born on the 1st of January, 1837, passed away on the 15th of July, 1907, aged seventy years, six months and fifteen days. Mr. Baumhardt held the office of supervisor for several years and for many years acted as treasurer of the school district.

Samuel Baumhardt obtained his education in the old log schoolhouse in district No. 1, pursuing his studies only in the winter months, for during all the other seasons of the year his assistance was required in the work of the home farm. He worked for his father until thirty-three years of age and then the latter gave him the property on which he now resides in Eden township. His labors as an agriculturist have been practical and productive of good results. His farm is rich and fertile and responds to cultivation in bountiful harvests.

Mr. Baumhardt gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held the office of supervisor for two terms. Though not a member he has helped to build and maintain the Evangelical Lutheran church and is widely recognized as a man of exemplary character. Throughout the county in which his life has been spent he is known as a public-spirited man who gives his cooperation to every movement which tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community.

WILLIAM S. LITTLE.

General farming and cattle-raising are two of the most important industries in Fond du Lac county. They have a worthy representative in William S. Little, who has been engaged actively in these occupations during all of his mature life. He is a native of this section, having been born in Fond du Lac, December 10, 1882. His parents were E. S. and Ada E. (Divers) Little, the former a native of Goshen, Orange county, New York, and the latter of Ontario, Canada. The father was born on March 26, 1847. He was a pioneer settler of Fond du Lac township and is still one of its most prominent residents. He was married in this section on December 23, 1880, and his wife is still living upon the home farm.

William S. Little received his early education in district school No. 2, Byron township, and supplemented this by a course in a business college. He has given his entire active life to the occupation of agriculture and has gained a thoroughly efficient and practical knowledge of its details. He worked upon his father's farm from the time he laid aside his books and is still managing the seventy-nine and one-half acres of land which E. S. Little purchased upon coming to Fond du Lac county. Under his direction and control the property has increased in value and the harvests have grown more abundant every year. The agricultural work is carried on along modern and progressive lines, the farm is equipped with all the new labor-saving machinery and is one of the most fertile tracts of land in the district. Mr. Little has recently added to his activities the breeding of

high grade Holstein cattle and the raising of thoroughbred horses and is rapidly making this branch of his activities a lucrative department of his agriculture. He now owns a herd of ten cattle and five head of horses and brings to their breeding and care an intelligent interest in his work and a thorough knowledge of its details.

On November 6, 1902, Mr. Little was united in marriage to Miss Lola G. Haner, a daughter of Nelson and Venera (Williams) Haner, the former a prosperous farmer of Cedar Creek, Washington county, Wisconsin. Mrs. Little is one of a family of three children, the other members being Jennie and Clara. To Mr. Little and his wife have been born five children, Roland W., Lawrence S., Arnon C., Earl H., and Dean B., born July 28, 1912, all of whom are still with their parents.

In his political views Mr. Little is a firm republican but has never sought public office. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and a firm believer in the doctrines of that denomination. He is one of the prominent and successful young farmers in Fond du Lac county and is bringing his youth and energy and his modern and progressive methods to the cultivation and improvement of his property.

WILLIAM B. JAEGER.

William B. Jaeger is one of the progressive and enterprising young farmers of Ashford township and is numbered among the representative citizens of the district. He is renting from his father the farm upon which he was born and is carrying on its operation skilfully and successfully. He was born on October 9, 1880, and is a son of Peter and Anna (Berg) Jaeger. His father is numbered among the early settlers in Fond du Lac county and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Ashford township where he is living retired. He was born in Germany in 1839 and came to the United States in 1846 with his parents, Barthol and Lena Jaeger. The family settled immediately in Ashford township where Barthol Jaeger purchased forty acres of timber land and began its improvement and development. He cut down the trees and with the timber thus obtained built a crude log cabin in which he resided for three years. At the end of that time he sold his property and purchased one hundred acres in the eastern part of the township where his death occurred in 1889 when he was eighty-three years of age. His wife survived him a number of years, dying in 1898 when she was eighty-eight years of age.

Peter Jaeger, the father of our subject, worked upon the home farm until his marriage in 1862. In that year he wedded Miss Anna Berg and immediately afterward purchased a part of the home farm upon which he now resides. He made extensive improvements, built a fine frame house, modern and up-to-date in all its appointments, built new barns, granaries and other outbuildings and operated the farm successfully until his retirement.

In 1862 Peter Jaeger was united in marriage to Miss Anna Berg, who was born in Germany, but who came to the United States with her parents when she was only three years of age. She has lived practically all her life in Ashford township. To this union were born nine children: Martin; William, the subject of this sketch; Michael, who conducts a general store in Campbellsport; Annie; Louise, who lives in Milwaukee; Katherine, who lives in St. Killian, this county; Gertrude, who lives in Edgar, Marathon county, and Lena and Peter, who have passed away. Peter Jaeger has given up active life as a farmer and has turned over the management of his farm to his son, William. He has been a resident of Fond du Lac county since he was seven years of age and is numbered among the earliest settlers in the district. His life was spent in progressive and modern farming and he has seen the section in which he resides expand and

develop from a wilderness to a wealthy and prosperous agricultural district. He is widely and favorably known as one of Ashford's best citizens, having won the respect and esteem of his neighbors by a useful, active and straightforward life.

William Jaeger received his education in district school and in the Waukesha high school. His childhood and youth were spent in aiding his father in the various details incident to the conduct of a model agricultural enterprise and he has never left the home farm. Since 1908 he has rented the land which he now operates and during the intervening years has made substantial improvements. He carries on his work along lines which denote that he keeps in touch with latest methods and discoveries made known by scientific experiment and research, planting such grains as will result in the largest returns the soil will bring forth and receiving, as a reward for his efforts, harvests which are annually increasing in abundance and quality. He is a young man but has already gained a distinct success founded upon standards of integrity and honesty which he learned as a boy upon his father's farm.

In 1907 William Jaeger was united in marriage to Miss Rozella Engel, a native of Ashford township. They belong to the Roman Catholic church. He gives his allegiance to the democratic party but, although he is public-spirited and interested in the growth and development of the county in which he was born he never seeks public office. He is alert and keen to comprehend and apply any new principle in connection with his work and is a most promising young man. He follows the standards of his father, pursuing the policies and methods which made the latter a successful man and has in this way gained prosperity and is widely respected and esteemed.

IRVING H. WRIGHT.

Irving H. Wright is one of the well known farmers of Fond du Lac county, where he is engaged in the cultivation of one hundred and forty acres of land which he owns and which is located in the township of Fond du Lac. He was born in that township August 31, 1846, and is a son of James and Martha E. (Edgerton) Wright, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. The father, James Wright, was born in Whitehall, Washington county, New York, on the 10th of August, 1819. He removed to Wisconsin in the spring of 1844, settling first in Milwaukee, and in the fall of that year he removed to Fond du Lac township where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land which at that time was heavily covered with hardwood timber. He built a log cabin and there established his home and engaged in the cultivation of his farm until the time of his death, which occurred February 22, 1900. Mr. Wright was united in marriage October 20, 1842, to Miss Martha Edgerton, a native of Vermont, and they became the parents of four children. Josephine E., whose birth occurred in 1844, became the wife of Frank Hostetter, of Iowa, now a retired farmer, and to them four children were born, Mabel, Carrie, Elmer and May, the first named now deceased. Their home is in Grennell, Iowa. Irving H., the elder son and second in order of birth, is the subject of this review. James, an agriculturist of Fond du Lac township, married Miss Harriet Denavue of the town of Empire and they have three sons, David John, Gustav and James. The youngest and last named passed away November 10, 1892. Adela, who died February 18, 1895, was the wife of Solomon Smith, of Oakfield, and the mother of eight children, Lillie, Edward, Harry, Helen, Samuel, Bensal, Marion and William.

Irving H. Wright was reared in his father's home and received his early education in the district schools. He was later graduated from the high school of

Fond du Lac and some time afterward became a student in the college at Ripon, Wisconsin. He completed his studies at the age of fifteen and immediately thereafter was employed on his father's farm, which work he continued until he was seventeen. He then started out in life for himself as a hardware clerk in Fond du Lac and continued in that occupation for a period of seven years. He then engaged in farming and in that business has met with very gratifying success. He is now the owner of one hundred and forty acres of highly developed agricultural land in the township of Fond du Lac, and also conducts a well equipped dairy, using thirteen head of cows.

Mr. Wright was united in marriage October 6, 1880, to Miss Hattie M. Smith, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith. To Mr. and Mrs. Wright five children were born: Bella, who died in 1893; James K., who is a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has charge of the credit department of Wyman Partridge & Company; Bessie, now residing in the town of Empire, who became the wife of W. C. Ingalls, of Fond du Lac, and the mother of three children, Irene C., Gordon W. and Irving W.; Leon, who makes his home in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is employed as order clerk in a large hardware store of that city; and Dorothy M.

Mr. Wright is a loyal member of the republican party and has been assessor for his town. He holds membership in the Masonic lodge and the Eastern Star. He and his wife are communicants of the Congregational church. He is one of the successful and highly esteemed citizens of Fond du Lac county and a man who is always found identified with every public-spirited enterprise intended to improve the conditions of the people in his state and county.

JACOB WALDSCHMIDT, M. D.

Engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Fond du Lac, Dr. Jacob Waldschmidt is making continuous progress because of the lessons which he learned in the school of experience and by reason of his continued study of the best medical literature. He qualified for the profession in the medical department of Northwestern University at Chicago. He is one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Forest township, on the 17th of May, 1863, his parents being Jacob H. and Margaret (Heinzel) Waldschmidt, both of whom were natives of Germany. The former was an only child and was about nineteen years of age when he left the fatherland for the new world. To seek better business opportunities on this side of the Atlantic, he sailed for New York, made his way into the interior of the country and took up his abode in Forest township, where he worked by the month as a farm hand until he had saved from his earnings a sufficient sum to enable him to purchase forty acres of land. He cultivated that tract for a time and then sold the property, purchasing eighty acres. At one time he owned about four hundred and nineteen acres, for as opportunity afforded he kept adding to his holdings until his possessions included several large and valuable farms. For three years or more he lived in St. Cloud and about nine years ago removed to Fond du Lac, where he still makes his home. In 1911 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 15th of April, at the age of seventy-seven years and three months. She was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Waldschmidt also holds membership, and their Christian faith permeated their lives. He was a soldier of the Civil war, doing active duty with Company H, Fourteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for a little less than a year. He was well known in connection with civic affairs, filling the office of supervisor and also that of justice of the peace for a number of years. He likewise acted as school clerk and was always greatly interested in educational

matters. In fact, he stood for progress and improvement along many lines and his labors were far-reaching and beneficial. To him and his wife were born ten children, of whom five are now living: George, of Milwaukee; Charles, who resides on the old homestead in Forest township; Jacob, the subject of this review; Margaret, the wife of Henry Grebe, of Fond du Lac; and Catharine, who married Louis Scherer, also of Fond du Lac.

Dr. Waldschmidt was reared on his father's farm in Forest township and attended the district schools and the public schools of Fond du Lac. Desirous of entering upon a professional career and thinking to find the practice of medicine congenial, he then entered Northwestern University at Chicago and was graduated with the class of 1893. He began practice at St. Cloud, Wisconsin, where he remained for a year and at the end of that time took up his abode in Marshfield, Wood county, Wisconsin, where he spent nine months. He then returned to St. Cloud and practiced there for about ten years. In 1904 he came to Fond du Lac, where he has since remained. In the intervening period of eight years he has made continuous advancement in his profession and the public indicates its confidence by a liberal patronage. He has read broadly, thinks deeply and is most conscientious and able in his service, prompted in all of his acts not only by a legitimate desire for success but also by a love of the science of medicine and more by broad humanitarian principles.

Dr. Waldschmidt has been married twice. On the 3d of June, 1896, he wedded Miss Mary Boll, a daughter of Erasmus and Susan (Franzen) Boll. Her death occurred July 23, 1897. On the 28th of March, 1910, he wedded Miss Huldah Hartung, a native of Fond du Lac and a daughter of Emil and Catharine (Leitzinger) Hartung. Her father came from Saxony, Germany, while her mother was a native of Switzerland. They were the parents of five children, of whom four are now living: Hugo; Ida, the wife of Henry Lensch, of Milwaukee; John, who resides in Fond du Lac; and Huldah, now Mrs. Waldschmidt. Dr. and Mrs. Waldschmidt are earnest Christian people. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, yet never seeks nor desires public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties, which are discharged with a sense of conscientious obligation and in strict conformity to a high standard of professional ethics.

DE WITT C. EDGERTON.

De Witt C. Edgerton is one of the well known and prosperous agriculturists of Fond du Lac county, where he is successfully engaged in the cultivation of his highly developed farm of two hundred and eighty acres located on section 26 in Fond du Lac township. He is a son of Charles F. and Matilda (Hamilton) Edgerton. The father was a native of Oneida county, New York, and early in life removed to Wisconsin, settling on a farm located on section 26 in the township of Fond du Lac. After establishing his home on that property he continued to give his attention to its development and cultivation until the opening of the Civil war. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, First Wisconsin Cavalry, and while engaged in the battle of L'Anguille Ferry, Arkansas, received a wound which disabled him for further continuance in the service. He later received his honorable discharge and returned to his home in Fond du Lac county where he continued to live until his death which occurred April 18, 1901. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being affiliated with the post at Fond du Lac. He was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Hamilton and they became the parents of two children, Kate M. and De Witt, of this review. The mother passed away July 11, 1897.

The last named was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the district schools and later was graduated from the high school of Fond du Lac. He afterward pursued a short course at the Madison University, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1895. After completing his studies he was engaged at work on his father's farm until the death of the latter, at which time he and his sister, Kate, came in possession of the homestead by right of inheritance and have there since continued to reside.

De Witt C. Edgerton is a member of the republican party and has been clerk of the school board for several years past. He is also a member of the Masonic lodge. He is one of the well known and successful farmers of Fond du Lac county and the old homestead of his father upon which he now resides is one of the most highly developed and beautiful farms in that part of the state. His sister, Kate Edgerton, received her education in the Merrill Institute of Fond du Lac and at the time of her father's death she became joint owner with her brother of the old homestead, and since that time has been associated with De Witt C. in the care and operation of that valuable property.

ALBERT L. MAUDLIN.

Albert L. Maudlin, secretary and treasurer of the Ripon Produce Company, one of Fond du Lac county's thriving enterprises, was born in Adams county, Wisconsin, on the 15th of April, 1855. He is a son of Axiom and Ruby Ann (Burlingame) Maudlin, natives of Indiana, who came to Wisconsin in 1848, locating in Green Lake county. They subsequently removed to Marquette, going from there to Adams county, whence they came to Ripon in 1856. The father, who was a farmer, was for many years successfully identified with the agricultural development of Fond du Lac county. Here both he and the mother passed away, her death occurring in 1910. They were the parents of five children, two of whom died in infancy. In order of birth the others are as follows: John, who is a resident of Green Lake county, this state; Alice, who married James Bonnell, of Ripon; and Albert L., our subject.

Albert L. Maudlin was an infant when brought to Fond du Lac county with his parents. Here he was reared to manhood, obtaining his education in the common schools. He remained on the farm and assisted his father with its cultivation until he was twenty-five years of age when he came to Ripon, and engaged in the wall paper and decorating business. He subsequently withdrew from this line of work and six years ago he became identified with the Ripon Produce Company, of which he is now secretary and treasurer. This enterprise was founded in 1870, and was formerly known as the J. J. Powers Company, being incorporated as the Ripon Produce Company in 1902. Louis Pynch is president of the concern and W. J. Hobbs, vice president. They occupy a two-story and basement building sixty-six by one hundred and forty feet and have the only cold storage plant in Ripon, the capacity of which is ten car loads. They have a creamery here and also at Marshfield, and deal exclusively in farm produce. Their goods are purchased direct from the farmers and shipped to retailers throughout this section of the state. They do a business of over seven hundred thousand dollars annually, and give employment to sixty people.

In 1870, Mr. Maudlin was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Graham, a daughter of John C. and Ruth M. (Look) Graham, who are mentioned at greater length elsewhere in this work, and to them have been born two children: Elsie R., the wife of George M. Bonnell of Kansas; and Bert, who is engaged in business in Ripon.

The fraternal relations of Mr. Maudlin are confined to his membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a veteran of the Spanish-

American war, both he and his son having gone to the front in 1898 and remained until the close of hostilities. In matters of citizenship, Mr. Maudlin is public-spirited and progressive, freely giving his services wherever they can be used to the best advantage. He has been a member of the Ripon fire department for twenty-five years, during the last twenty of which he has been secretary. His political allegiance he gives to the republican party and has for many years represented his ward in the city council, the length of his service in this connection substantially evidencing the efficiency with which he has discharged his duties.

JOHN LONERGAN.

John Lonergan, in association with his two brothers, David and Edward, and with his sister Mary, is now engaged in the operation of one of the finest and most productive farms in Fond du Lac county. The property descended to the Lonergan brothers and their sister upon the death of their father in 1879 and all have contributed their full share toward the successful development of their holdings. John Lonergan was born in Washington county, Wisconsin, March 10, 1850, and is the son of Michael and Elizabeth (Corcoran) Lonergan, both natives of Ireland. The father left his native country in 1841 and crossed the Atlantic to America. He settled in New York in the same year, remaining in that state only a short time. In 1842 he came to Wisconsin, where he took up a homestead claim of eighty acres and lived in a log cabin upon his holdings for many years. He died in Fond du Lac county in March, 1879. His wife left Ireland when she was still a child and came with her parents to Canada. They settled in the United States in 1841, locating in Missouri. Mrs. Lonergan met her future husband in Washington county, Wisconsin, in 1848 and their marriage occurred in January of the following year. They were the parents of ten children: John, of this review; David, who was born July 26, 1851; Mary, born February 14, 1853; Frances, who passed away in 1878; Anna, who became the wife of Thomas Costello, of Byron township; Dennis, who died at the age of ten years; Edward, who was born February 19, 1860; Michael, whose birth occurred April 29, 1864; and two children who died in infancy.

John Lonergan was educated in the district schools of Fond du Lac county but his advantages along this line were not extremely extensive. He laid aside his books at the age of sixteen years to assist his father in the work of the farm. When Michael Lonergan died in 1879 his holdings descended to his children, David, Edward, John and Mary, and they have made their home on the place and been associated in the operation of the property ever since. The Lonergan farm is prosperous and productive and is well known throughout the county as a model agricultural property. The family's holdings lie in two townships. They own one hundred and fifteen acres in Byron township and one hundred and ten acres in Fond du Lac and their property at present aggregates two hundred and twenty-five acres of the finest farm land in Wisconsin. The united efforts of the brothers and sister and their harmonious association have resulted in their individual prosperity and they are known throughout the district in which they live as enterprising, progressive and scientific farmers. David Lonergan has recently added to his holdings by the purchase of a half-section of land in Saskatchewan, Canada. His property in that section consists of fine prairie land and has on it a large tract of timber. He is not associated with his brothers and sister in this enterprise but carries it on by himself.

In his political affiliation John Lonergan is a consistent democrat and has served his party in various positions during the course of his career. He was town clerk of Byron for seven years, from 1879 to 1886, and at the end of this period was appointed chairman of the town board and served in this capacity

with much success for one year. He was reelected for a two-year term in recognition of his able services. He served as clerk of Fond du Lac township from 1896 to 1906 and his public career has always been distinguished by unquestioned integrity and intelligent political ideas. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church and is active in the affairs of that organization. He is one of the leading agriculturists of Fond du Lac county and in his farm life has exemplified with much success his modern and progressive ideas.

LOUIS P. HINN, M. D.

Thorough college training, completed by graduation in 1885, qualified Dr. Louis P. Hinn for the practice of medicine and surgery to which he has now devoted his time and energies for twenty-seven years. His success indicates the breadth of his knowledge and his ability to carefully and correctly diagnose his cases. He has gained a good practice in Fond du Lac, his native city, where much of his life has been passed. He was here born June 2, 1857, being one of a family of eleven children, whose parents were George and Elizabeth (Seibel) Hinn, natives of Germany. The father was a farmer by occupation and in 1849 he crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in the township of Forest, in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. There he resumed farm work, clearing a tract of land in the midst of the wilderness and converting it into rich and productive fields. He afterward purchased the Johnson place in Empire township, comprising four hundred acres of valuable land, to the further development and cultivation of which he devoted his energies until his life's labors were ended in death in 1899, when he was seventy-five years of age. His wife passed away at the age of sixty-three years in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Hinn were loyal members. Of their family of eleven children five are living: Louis P., of this review; Charles, a coal dealer of Fond du Lac; Elizabeth, the wife of Fred Kraemer, of Empire township; John; and Otto, also of Fond du Lac.

On the old home farm in Forest township Dr. Hinn spent his boyhood and youth and in the district and German schools he acquired his education. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops but not desiring to engage in farm work throughout his entire life he went to Chicago, where he took up the study of medicine in Hahnemann College, being graduated therefrom in the class of 1885. Immediately afterward he located for practice in Kohlsville, Washington county, Wisconsin, where he remained for six years. He then went to Theresa, where he also practiced for six years and about 1897 he came to Fond du Lac, where he has since been located.

On the 9th of October, 1885, Dr. Hinn was married to Miss Augusta Block, a daughter of Gottlieb and Fredericke Block, both of whom were natives of Germany. Her father died in Fond du Lac at the age of seventy-two years but her mother is still living. The three children of their family are: Louisa, the wife of Gottfried Klaus; Otto; and Mrs. Hinn. The last named was born at Watertown, Wisconsin, but was reared to womanhood in Fond du Lac and by her marriage has become the mother of one daughter, Minnie. Dr. and Mrs. Hinn hold membership in St. Peter's Lutheran church, are generous contributors to its support and take an active and helpful part in its work. Dr. Hinn is deeply and helpfully interested in many measures and projects for public progress and improvement along various lines. He is president of the Kinderfreund Gesellschaft. He is serving on the board of trustees of the Northwestern College at Watertown and his benevolent spirit is indicated by the active work

which he is doing as a member of the Board of Associated Charities. Along professional lines his membership relations are with the Fond du Lac County Medical Society, the Wisconsin State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is well informed concerning their proceedings and keeps in touch with the most advanced work of the profession as exemplified in the labors of its representatives throughout the country.

JAMES B. PERRY.

The stations in the ordinary progressions of James B. Perry are easily discernible, bringing him through various intermediate positions to the presidency of the First National Bank of Fond du Lac. He was born at Green Bay, Wisconsin, on the 25th of August, 1834, and in the summer of 1849, when in his fifteenth year, he started out in the world on his own account by entering the office of register of deeds. In that connection he worked his way upward, becoming deputy and his capability and efficiency were indicated in the fact that he remained in the office for almost six years, or until January, 1855, when he entered the First National Bank as a clerk. Promotion came to him from time to time in recognition of his efficiency and indefatigable industry and energy. He has filled the various positions of bookkeeper, teller, assistant cashier and cashier and in 1903 was called to the presidency of the bank of which he is still the executive head.

On the 26th of September, 1864, Mr. Perry was united in marriage to Miss Clara N. Cary and unto them have been born two children: Clitz Edwin, who was born August 2, 1867, and died on the 13th of July, 1894; and Ernest James, who was born May 11, 1873, and is the present cashier of the First National Bank of Fond du Lac. He was married November 8, 1906, to Miss Jeannette Andrea and they have one child, Andrea James, born August 20, 1910. Mr. Perry is a prominent and active member of the Protestant Episcopal church of which he has been a communicant for more than forty years. He has frequently been a delegate to its general conventions and at the present writing, in 1912, is a member of the Cathedral Chapter of St. Paul's cathedral, a member of the standing committee of the diocese of Fond du Lac and also a member of the board of trustees of the diocese. His work is, therefore, one in which business interests and religious activity constitute well balanced forces. To each he has given due prominence and has thus contributed in large measure to the material upbuilding and the moral progress of his community.

ARTHUR F. OLMSTED.

Arthur F. Olmsted has the distinction of being the son of one of the earliest Wisconsin pioneers. His father made his first trip to this state in 1845, bringing with him his father and sister. They located in Fond du Lac county, where the father remained only a short time. He almost immediately returned east to Middlebury, Addison county, Vermont, where his son, Arthur F. Olmsted, was born on the 17th of March, 1847. The parents were Erastus and Alma T. (Husten) Olmsted, both natives of Middlebury, where the father was born June 7, 1809, and the mother on May 22, of the same year. They were married on May 21, 1835, and lived in their native section until the father's first trip to Wisconsin. When Erastus Olmsted returned east after his first journey to Fond du Lac county, he remained two years and at the end of that time again traveled westward with his wife and family, arriving in Wisconsin for the sec-

ond time on September 22, 1847. Here he took up a farm and cultivated the soil until his death, on June 27, 1897. He had survived his wife for ten years, her death having occurred on the 25th of December, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Olmsted were the parents of three children: Harriet A. and May A., both of whom are now deceased; and Arthur F., of this review.

Arthur F. Olmsted was educated in a private school in Fond du Lac county and later attended the public schools of the district until he was twenty years of age. He then assisted his father in the work of the farm and gained a practical working knowledge of the details of agriculture. He had been a farmer during his entire active career with the exception of seven years during which he worked at the carpenter's trade. When Erastus Olmsted died in 1897 his son took entire charge of the management of his large holdings and has improved and cultivated the two hundred and fifty acres of fine farm land in Fond du Lac county of which he is now the owner. Under his management many progressive features were added to his farm, improved machinery was installed and modern buildings erected on the land. Mr. Olmsted was so successful in his agricultural career that in 1890 he was enabled to retire from active life and has been living on the old homestead since that time, his residence being situated across the road from the old house formerly owned by his uncle, Charles Olmsted.

On March 7, 1868, Mr. Olmsted was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Mayhew, of Empire, Wisconsin, a daughter of Thomas and Betsey Mayhew. Her father was a prominent farmer living near Empire for many years and active in the affairs of that district. Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted became the parents of four children: George H.; Lamar A.; Nettie H., who died on May 12, 1905, and Nellie, the wife of Harry Retzleff.

In his political views Mr. Olmsted is consistently republican and takes an active part in local public affairs. He served as town clerk for three years and was supervisor for six years. He is interested in the cause of education and served as a member of the school board and was clerk of that organization for many years. Mr. Olmsted has been retired from active life since 1890 but in the course of his career as a farmer he did much by his energy, activity and broad intelligence to raise the standard of agriculture and to put it upon a higher and more scientific basis.

JOHN DULEY.

John Duley is a native son of Fond du Lac county where he was born and educated and where he has spent his life up to the present time in the cultivation and improvement of the soil. He was born on October 18, 1877, and is a son of Michael and Maggie (Ryan) Duley. His father was born in Ireland in 1847 and came to America when he was a small boy. He settled in Wisconsin and spent his life as a farmer in that state where he cultivated the soil until his death in 1907. The mother of our subject was born in Taycheedah, Wisconsin, in 1837, and is still living with her son on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Duley were the parents of thirteen children, ten of whom are still living: Frank, Michael, George, William, Edward, Peter, John of this review, Sarah, Annie and Nettie.

John Duley was educated in district school No. 20, Fond du Lac township, and pursued his studies until he was twelve years of age. From that time until he was eighteen he worked on a farm in Eldorado and this training gave a decided bent to his ambitions. He gained a thorough knowledge of the details of agricultural life and learned to love the work of the fields and the labors incident to the care of grain and stock. When he was eighteen years of age he went

to California and farmed in that state for eight years. In 1901 he returned to Fond du Lac county and rented a farm which he has been operating since that time. The agricultural industry of Fond du Lac county has many rewards for the man who pursues it conscientiously and intelligently. Mr. Duley has exemplified in his career his possession of those qualities of concentrated industry and of discriminating sense of land values and his success has been rapid and well deserved. He is one of the most prosperous of the younger generation of farmers in this section and owes his rapid rise to his scientific and progressive ideas and to his development of his land along modern lines.

Mr. Duley was married in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in 1901, to Miss Mary Boehlen, a native of Forest, Wisconsin, and they are the parents of three children: Albert, Bernice, and Aloes. Mr. Duley is a consistent democrat in his political views and is a firm believer in the principles for which that party stands. He takes an intelligent interest in public affairs but he has never sought office for himself, preferring to concentrate his attention upon making his farm one of the model properties of his section. He is a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic church in the faith of which he was reared. Mr. Duley is only thirty-five years of age and has already gained a prominent place among the progressive agriculturists of Fond du Lac county. His farm is operated along progressive and intelligent lines and his success has been in direct proportion to his energy and ability.

BRUNO SCHALLERN, M. D.

Dr. Bruno Schallern, now a practicing physician in Ripon, is well known in that city as one of its most able and successful doctors. He has been a resident of Ripon since 1892 and has built up an extensive practice by his industry, indefatigable activity, his thorough knowledge of his profession and his honorable and ethical methods. He was born in Mansfield, Ohio, June 22, 1856. His parents were Dr. Reiner and Anna (Von Hirschberg) Von Schallern, both natives of Germany. The father, a prominent physician in his native country took an active part in the revolution of 1848. At this period all his goods were confiscated by the German government and he was obliged to flee for his life. He landed in America with his wife in 1849 and located in New York. After a short period of residence in that state they moved to Ohio where Dr. Von Schallern practiced his profession for many years. He joined the Federal forces in 1861 and served as surgeon of the Fifty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry until 1864 when he was mustered out with honorable discharge on account of his failing health. In the same year he returned to Germany to redeem some of his confiscated property. He was successful in this endeavor and when he returned to the United States he invested the money thus obtained in Indiana farm lands. He practiced his profession in that state for some time and later removed to Mount Vernon, New York, where he died at the age of sixty-four years. He was one of the pioneer doctors of America and was prominent in the medical profession at a very early date. The tradition of honorable activity in this line came to him from his father, who was among the first to perform cataract operation in this country. Dr. Reiner Von Schallern's wife was Anna Von Hirschberg, the daughter of a very prominent family in Germany. She was a countess in her own right, her father being Count Von Hirschberg. She was the mother of the following children: Eugene, deceased; Ida; Ottman; Bertha, deceased; Bruno, the subject of this review; Arthur, the sixth in order of birth; Lillie, who lives in Mandan, North Dakota; and Victor, the youngest member of the family.

Dr. Bruno Schallern received his early education in the public schools of Ohio. He was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago in 1888 and took a post-graduate course in medicine at the University of



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Illinois. He attended the polyclinic in Philadelphia and took a special course in surgery and physical diagnosis. After his graduation he came immediately to Wisconsin where he practiced in Cooperstown and Kenosha. He was extremely successful in these cities and had built up an extensive practice and a local reputation when he removed to Ripon in 1892. Here he is a prominent figure in medical circles and his opinions carry great weight in the affairs of his profession. He has built up a large following in his two special lines—surgery and diagnosis. He is often called in as consulting physician and his well tested ability and carefulness make him in great demand as a surgeon. He is deeply interested in everything which concerns the health of his community. He has acted as city physician of Ripon and as a member of the health commission of that city. He also was elected in 1898 mayor of Ripon and his work along public lines has always been marked by deep and exhaustive attention to detail, a thorough conscientiousness and an intense appreciation of his duty to his fellowmen. He has served as railroad surgeon for the Chicago & Northwestern line and his work in this capacity, added to his many other professional connections has gained for him an increased following in the city of Ripon.

In 1879, Dr. Schallern was united in marriage to Isadore Easton, a daughter of Dr. D. J. Easton, a practicing physician of Manitowoc. Mrs. Schallern has one sister, Anna D., who is a resident of San Francisco, California. To Mr. and Mrs. Schallern have been born three children: Dr. Roy, who is associated with his father in practice; Reiner, who married Ola Monti, a daughter of Augustus Monti of Berlin, Wisconsin, and who conducts a hotel in Miami, Florida; and Eugene.

Dr. Schallern gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is always interested in public affairs. He is a devoted member of the Lutheran church, although his family give their allegiance to the Episcopal faith. Dr. Schallern is a member of the Masonic order and a member of the Ripon chapter. He is also prominent in the affairs of the Eastern Star and holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is one of the most prominent physicians in Ripon today. His medical practice is distinguished by a breadth of view which is necessary for a successful career as a physician.

He keeps his knowledge abreast of the times by deep and constant reading of the medical periodicals and books and his work has always been marked by a deep thoroughness and exhaustive care supplemented by a knowledge of human nature and of the necessities of the suffering and the sick.

THOMAS H. SMITH.

Thomas H. Smith, whose home farm comprises a valuable tract of eighty acres in Eden township, is also the owner of other farming property and enjoys an enviable reputation as a substantial agriculturist and representative citizen of this county. His birth occurred in Eden township on the 4th of May, 1864. His father, John Smith, who was born in County Meath, Ireland, in 1825, emigrated to the United States when a young man of twenty-five years. He spent one year in the state of New York and then made his way to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, working on the railroad for a year. Subsequently he removed to the city of Oshkosh but soon afterward came to Fond du Lac and here worked for his board for about one year, taking care of a doctor's horse. Later he again worked on the railroad for a time and then came to Eden township, where his brother Patrick persuaded him to buy a farm of forty acres for one hundred dollars. The prospects were so discouraging, however, that he decided to return to Ireland and would have done so if his brother had not influenced him to make another effort

to establish himself in this county as an agriculturist. Abandoning his first farm, he bought another tract of forty acres in Eden township, erected thereon a log house, barn and granary and continued its cultivation throughout the remainder of his life. As the years passed success crowned his labors and he was long numbered among the substantial and enterprising citizens of his community. His demise occurred on the 25th of March, 1907, when he had attained the age of eighty-two years. In 1855 he had wedded Miss Mary McEnrowe, who was born in County Meath, Ireland, and who was but one year old when brought to this country by her parents, Edward and Elizabeth McEnrowe, who settled in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. Mrs. Mary Smith passed away on the home farm on the 30th of May, 1899. By her marriage she became the mother of ten children, six sons and four daughters.

Thomas H. Smith acquired his education in the log schoolhouse of the home district, pursuing his studies during the winter months and working on the home farm during the other seasons of the year. He remained on the homestead until twenty-five years of age and then bought the place on which he now resides and which is the property that his father originally purchased in this county and later abandoned. He has made many substantial improvements on the farm and in its operation has won a gratifying measure of success. As his financial resources have increased he has augmented his landed holdings by additional purchase and now owns one hundred acres of the old Martin place, sixty acres of the Patrick Cusick property and thirty-eight acres of the old McDonald farm. For many years he has also operated a threshing outfit.

In 1892 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Jane Dillon, a daughter of Michael and Bridget Dillon, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former having been born in County Tipperary and the latter in County Louth. They were married in Connecticut and eventually settled in Eden, this county, where they spent the remaining years of their lives, Michael Dillon passing away in 1895 and his wife on the 28th of July, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children, namely: Thomas Francis, Eugenia Irene and James Monroe.

Mr. Smith is a democrat in politics and has taken an active and helpful interest in public affairs. He has served as treasurer of Eden township for two terms and is now acting as supervisor for the third term. The cause of education has ever found in him a stanch champion and, with the exception of two or three years, he has served as clerk of the school board since attaining his majority. He is a devout communicant of St. James Catholic church and one of its most liberal supporters. Fraternally he is identified with the Foresters and holds office in the local organization of that order. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county where his entire life has been passed, and he has been a witness of many changes which have occurred here.

WILLIAM BRENNAN.

William Brennan is a son of one of the pioneer farmers of Fond du Lac county and has himself been prominently identified with agricultural interests in this section since he arrived at manhood. He was born in New York city, April 14, 1846. His parents were Timothy and Mary (Connaughty) Brennan, who were natives of Ireland. The father came from County Galway, to Fond du Lac county when he was a young man. He bought one hundred and twenty acres of government land entirely covered with timber to the amount of eighty cords to the acre. He cleared his holdings and built a log hut. His son, William Brennan, was a baby one year old when his father removed to Wisconsin and was the first child to live in the little cabin. Timothy Brennan died in Wisconsin, March 5, 1892. He and his wife were the parents of nine children: Ann, who

makes her home with our subject, the widow of Patrick O'Brien, formerly a prominent farmer of Empire, whose death occurred in 1897; Mary, the widow of Isaac Harons, who followed the butcher's trade and died in 1912; Adelia, who married Harry Bemis, a watchman; Ellen, the wife of Marshall Scribner, a California miner; William, who is the subject of this sketch; James, whose death occurred in 1879. The next three children of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Brennan were triplets of whom John and Timothy, are still living. The third was a sister who died in infancy. John is practicing law in West Superior, Wisconsin, and Timothy married Miss Mamie Schonnany of Green Bay and is engaged in the real-estate business. Catherine, who concludes the family, died when but four months old.

William Brennan was educated in a little log district school. He pursued his studies for six months out of each year from the time he was three years of age up to the time when he was fifteen. When he reached that age he left school and worked for his father upon the farm. When Timothy Brennan died in 1892 William bought out the interest of his brother Timothy in the home place and has been active in its operation ever since. He has been successful in his agricultural pursuits and by hard work, industry and study of scientific methods of farming, he has built up one of the model farms of Fond du Lac county.

In 1876, William Brennan was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Conaboy, a daughter of Michael Conaboy, a prominent and prosperous farmer of Lamar-tine, Wisconsin. She died in 1877. Mr. Brennan gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has been active in the affairs of the local organization for many years. He has been a member of the township board and served as section supervisor for two years. He takes an active interest in educational affairs and has been treasurer of the school board for fourteen years. He is a devout member of St. Patrick's Catholic church and his religion is a vital force in his every-day life. During his long period of residence in Fond du Lac township William Brennan has made many friends and his well known integrity and honesty of purpose have made him popular and well known in the district.

MAJOR EDWIN R. HERREN.

Like the majority of successful men, Major Edwin R. Herren made a humble start in the business world but unfaltering enterprise, laudable ambition and initiative spirit have brought him to a place of prominence in commercial and financial circles. His constantly increasing ability has found expression in the conduct of important interests and he is now vice president of the First National Bank and one of the directors of the G. F. Sanborn Company, dealers in timberlands in Wisconsin, Michigan and Oregon. This is a Wisconsin corporation, with its principal office in Fond du Lac.

Edwin R. Herren was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, December 22, 1838, a son of Robert and Caroline (Hill) Herren, who were natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively. His paternal grandparents were Isaac and Catherine (Frayer) Herren, who were natives of Ohio, the former of Scotch descent, while the latter came of Mohawk Dutch ancestry. They had a large family including Robert, Abraham, William, John, Henry, Simon, Catherine and Laura. The maternal grandparents of Major Herren were Edward and Caroline Hill, natives of Connecticut and of English lineage. Edward Hill was a shoemaker by trade and died in Ohio in 1851, when eighty-two years of age. They had a large family which included Edward, Horace, Bactor, Hiram, Marvin, Eliza and Caroline.

Robert Herren, the Major's father, was a cooper by trade and after his marriage, engaged in merchandising in Ashtabula, Ohio. He went to California in

1850 by way of the Isthmus of Panama but in 1852 returned to Ashtabula, and in the spring of the following year came to Wisconsin, settling about two and a half miles from Beloit, where he carried on farming. He afterward took up his abode in that city and there engaged in the grain and produce business. On his father's death he once more went to Ohio and settled on the old homestead. Subsequently he returned to Wisconsin, and made his home in Kilbourn in 1858. There he engaged in the grain business until he removed to Luverne, Minnesota, where he conducted a lumber business to the time of his death, which occurred in 1894, when he was seventy-nine years of age. His wife survived him and passed away in 1902, at the age of eighty-five years. They were of the Episcopalian faith and Robert Herren was at one time identified with the state militia of Ohio. Their family numbered five children, namely: Major Edwin R.; Ellen Adell, the deceased wife of Thomas B. Coon; Julia, the wife of Hurlburt Manchester, of Geneva, Ohio; Herbert E., a resident of Milwaukee; and Addie, of Ogden, Utah.

Major Edwin R. Herren was a resident of Ashtabula, Ohio, until fourteen years of age and when a youth of sixteen became a pupil in the public schools there. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Beloit, where he attended the academy and afterward secured a position in the postoffice, in which he remained for a year. He then returned to Ohio but two years later again came to Wisconsin and was a resident of Kilbourn, occupying a clerical position there in the office of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company. After nine months of service he was assigned to the position as agent at Iron Ridge and acted in that capacity until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when in 1861 he and Joseph Bailey raised a company for duty at the front. These were all men from Kilbourn and vicinity and Mr. Herren was chosen lieutenant, while Mr. Bailey became captain. The company was organized for three months' service but the quota was full and so they reorganized for three years, or during the length of war, becoming Company D, Fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. They left this state in July for the purpose of joining the Army of the Potomac and participating in the battle of Bull Run, but the action was precipitated and the battle fought before they reached that place. The regiment then remained in Baltimore, guarding the railroad until February 19, 1862, when they were sent to Newport News. On the 5th of March of the same year they sailed with two other regiments for Ship Island in the Gulf of Mexico, having been assigned to General B. F. Butler's New Orleans expedition. They remained at Ship Island and in that vicinity until the fall of Fort Jackson and Fort St. Philip, when they were ordered to New Orleans, arriving there on the 1st of May, 1862. They were the first land forces to enter the city and they took possession of the custom house. Major Herren was actively engaged in service until May, 1863, when he was wounded, his right leg being shot off in the battle of Port Hudson. In the meantime he had been promoted to the rank of captain and as such was mustered out, while later he was brevetted major for gallant and meritorious service. He made a great sacrifice for his country but he did it willingly, and throughout his entire life has manifested the same spirit of loyalty to his nation and her welfare.

After the war Major Herren became associated with J. E. Dixon & Sons at Kilbourn in a general merchandising business but in 1866 their store was destroyed by fire and they afterward removed to Davenport, Iowa, where they conducted a dry-goods business. At length Major Herren severed his connection with that undertaking and became associated with the Sickels & Preston Hardware Company of Davenport, with which he continued until after the great Chicago fire of 1871. He then removed to Chicago and became a partner of C. H. Cronkhite in the manufacture of sash, doors, blinds and interior finishings, under the firm name of Cronkhite & Herren. This relationship was maintained until 1873, when Major Herren sold out to his partner and went to Stevens

Point, Wisconsin. There he engaged in the lumber business until 1890, when he came to Fond du Lac as secretary and treasurer of the Winnebago Furniture Manufacturing Company, with which he continued until January, 11, 1911. He then sold his interest in that business and later enjoyed a brief period of rest and retirement from commercial interests but is now associated with the G. F. Sanborn Company, extensive dealers in timberlands in Wisconsin, Michigan and Oregon. This company operates largely in the different states and the business is a growing and profitable one. Mr. Herren is also largely interested financially in the First National Bank of Fond du Lac and is its vice president. He is still active in business although now seventy-three years of age and in spirit and interest he seems yet in his prime.

On the 29th of December, 1863, Edwin R. Herren was married to Miss Margaret Dixon, a daughter of James E. and Margaret (Paubst) Dixon. She died January 14, 1867, at Davenport, Iowa, and on the 14th of December, 1871, Major Herren was again married, his second union being with Miss Anna A. Yeomans, who was born in Syracuse, New York, and is a daughter of Solomon and Eliza Ann (Boardman) Yeomans, who were also natives of the Empire state and lived for some years in Catskill and afterward removed to Rochester. They had a family of four children, Julia, Louise, Anna and a son who died in infancy. Four children have been born to Major and Mrs. Herren: Francis B., who is with the Lackawanna Fast Freight Line Company in Chicago; Anna Louise, the wife of Charles Louis Gaspar, of Fond du Lac, by whom she has one child; and Edith Maria and Julia Eliza, who are both at home. Major Herren and his children are Episcopalians, while Mrs. Herren was reared in the Baptist religion. He belongs to Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P., and also to the Loyal Legion, of which he is at present commander. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party until 1896 when, not in harmony with his party's attitude on the money question, he joined republican ranks, with which he has since been connected. He has filled various local offices and his fidelity to duty has contributed largely to public progress and improvement. For many years he was a member of the city council, also of the board of supervisors and the board of education. For twelve years he was a member of the Fond du Lac board of education and for eleven years of the library board. He has ever stood for progressive citizenship and for advancement along all those lines which contribute to the welfare of the individual and of the community. He has never sought public preferment but the simple weight of his character and ability have carried him into important relations and wherever he is known he is honored because of a life that has been well spent and that has constituted a cause for good in the community in which he lives.

JACOB GERHARD.

Jacob Gerhard is one of the highly respected citizens of Fond du Lac where he is engaged in the general wholesale and retail baking business, located at 22 Main street. He was born on March 3, 1871, in that city, and is a son of Jacob W., and Elizabeth (Steiger) Gerhard, both of whom were natives of Germany. Jacob W. Gerhard was born in 1832 and at the age of nineteen years emigrated to America. On arriving in the new world he spent his first year in New York, after which he removed to Milwaukee, where he remained for three years, and then removed to Fond du Lac, where he established himself in the bakery business in 1861. He continued to give his entire attention to his business and during all the active years of his life he was uniformly successful. He retired from business in 1895 and thereafter continued to reside in Fond du Lac until the time of his death, which occurred in 1907. He was united in wedlock to Miss Eliza-

beth Steiger, who was a native of Germany and emigrated to this country at the age of twenty-three years. In their family four children were born: Emma and Lena, both of whom reside in Fond du Lac; Karl, who died at the age of nine months; and Jacob, the subject of this review.

The last named was educated in the German-English Academy and later took one year of high school work, after which he pursued several courses in the business college of Fond du Lac, pursuing his studies in the night sessions of that institution. At the age of fourteen he became an employe in his father's bakery and continued in that employment for a period of about eleven years. In 1895 his father retired from business and at that time Jacob Gerhard became the owner and proprietor of the establishment which he has since continued to operate. The bakery is located at No. 22 Main street and three modern and up-to-date delivery wagons are required to take care of the city trade. The wholesale department of his business has been a gratifying source of income and is steadily increasing its volume of trade. The Gerhard bakery goods now reach the central and western part of the state and wherever they are sold their quality is such as to maintain a popular demand from the consumer.

In 1894 Mr. Gerhard was united in wedlock to Miss Louisa Justen, of Fond du Lac, who is a daughter of John and Mary Justen. Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard have four children, Elizabeth, Marie, Jacob W. and Karl. Mr. Gerhard is a member of the Turners and the Business Men's Association. He is one of the most progressive, up-to-date and successful business men in Fond du Lac and is everywhere known among his friends and associates as a man of integrity in all of his business transactions.

DAVID KNICKEL.

David Knickel is a native son of Fond du Lac county and has been identified with agricultural pursuits in Eden township since his early childhood, first as assistant to his father who was a well known farmer, and later as an independent agriculturist. He is numbered among the men whose activities are making a distinct advance in local agricultural development and in the cultivation of his fine tract of one hundred and thirty acres is not only attaining prosperity but is adding to the resources of his section.

Mr. Knickel was born in Eden township on November 25, 1855, and is a son of Martin and Charlotte (Gudex) Knickel, natives of Germany, where they were reared and educated and where their marriage occurred. The father of our subject was born on April 2, 1816, and came to the United States with his wife and his eldest son, born in 1851, settling immediately in Eden township where he took up forty acres of government land. It was in an undeveloped state and Martin Knickel gave his entire time and attention to its improvement. He built a log cabin upon his holdings and here his other children were born. In this house he lived until his death which occurred on May 16, 1887. His wife survived him many years, dying on September 10, 1909, when she was eighty-seven years of age.

David Knickel was reared at home and received his education in the district schools of his native township. He worked upon his father's farm until he had reached the age of twenty-nine when with his brother William he purchased the one hundred and sixty acres which constituted the homestead. This tract of land they improved and operated for two years, selling it at the end of that time to the other heirs. They then purchased eighty-seven acres in Ashford township upon which they lived for eight years when David Knickel sold out and removed to his present farm of one hundred and thirty-eight acres which he purchased at the end of that time. He has made valuable improve-

ments from time to time, building a fine large barn upon his premises and erecting five years later a modern and up-to-date residence equipped with all the comforts and conveniences of an attractive home. In this house he lives with his family and is assisted in the work of the farm by his two sons.

In 1886 Mr. Knickel was united in marriage to Miss Magdaline Oppermann, a daughter of August Oppermann of Auburn. To this union were born four children: Olga, who died in infancy; Lillian; Martin; and William. Mr. Knickel affiliates with the German Reformed church.

In his political views the subject of this sketch is a consistent republican and served as supervisor of Eden township from 1884 to 1886. He has been school clerk and treasurer of the board of education for fifteen years in Eden and Ashford townships and is now a school director. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Campbellsport and is, in all the various relations of his life, enterprising, progressive, straightforward and honorable.

GRANT M. THOMAS.

Grant M. Thomas is successfully identified with industrial interests in Fond du Lac as the secretary and treasurer of a concern engaged in the manufacture of overalls, to which line of activity he has given his attention for the past fifteen years. His birth occurred in Berlin, Wisconsin, on the 13th of June, 1873, his parents being German L. and Harriett (Willis) Thomas, who were natives of Vermont and New York respectively. In 1858 the father came to Wisconsin, settling on a farm in Green Lake county which he subsequently purchased. He is now residing at Berlin, Wisconsin. His wife, who came to this state in 1859, was called to her final rest in 1897. Unto them were born seven children. Davenport W., who makes his home in California, wedded Miss Margaret Heald, of Berlin, Wisconsin, by whom he had six children, namely: Nellie; George, who passed away in 1911; Daisy; Harry; Arthur, whose demise occurred in 1906; and Belle. Addie C. is the wife of W. W. Collins, of Fond du Lac, by whom she has two children, Zolitta and Elizabeth. Lillian is the wife of Fred Kleiber, a fruit farmer of Berlin, and has three children: William, Lefa and Frederick, Jr. The Misses Mabel S. and Mary E. Thomas own a dry-goods store at Berlin, Wisconsin. Grant M., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Eugene C., who is a merchant of Princeton, this state, wedded Miss Martha Bartol, of Berlin and has one child, Catherine.

Grant M. Thomas attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and completed the high-school course by graduation in 1892. From 1893 until 1897 he was employed as a stationary engineer by the United States government and had charge of dredging machinery. In 1897 he opened a factory for the manufacture of overalls at Fond du Lac and has conducted the same continuously since. In 1906 the enterprise was incorporated with the following officers: Mrs. Alice E. Thomas, president; Grant M. Thomas, secretary and treasurer; Walter Pooch, vice president and manager. The concern employs twenty people at Fond du Lac and also conducts a plant in Princeton, where forty people are employed. The success which has attended the enterprise from the beginning is attributable in no small degree to the excellent business ability and sound judgment of Grant M. Thomas.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Thomas chose Miss Alice E. Koerner, a daughter of George B. Koerner, of Fond du Lac. Unto them has been born one child, Louise Elizabeth. The family residence, which Mr. Thomas owns, is at No. 52 Seventh street.

In politics Mr. Thomas is a stanch republican, and attends the Congregational

church. He is a valued member of the Business Men's Association. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business, and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

LOUIE PETRI.

Louie Petri was born on the farm which he now operates in Ashford township, on May 19, 1879, and has lived there all his life. He engages in cultivating and improving an excellent tract of land, following agriculture along the newest and most progressive methods. He is a son of Jacob and Katherine (Diehls) Petri, natives of Germany. His father came to the United States with his parents when he was a child and the family settled in Dodge county where he grew to manhood. In the early '60s he purchased land in Ashford township where his son is now living and where he resided until his death in 1892.

Louie Petri is one of ten children born to his parents. He received his education in the district schools of Ashford township and spent his youth assisting his father in the work of the farm. After the latter's death he took charge of the farm and managed the same for his mother until 1908, when he rented the homestead from her and is now carrying on general farming on his own account upon this property. A substantial barn, which was built by his father, gives shelter to stock and store room for grain, while the residence which he also erected, is now the family home. Mr. Petri gives his entire time and attention to the development of his property and has made it a model farm, modern and up-to-date in every particular. He makes his home with his mother and sister Mary and the family is well known and highly respected in the community.

MURT MALONE.

Murt Malone owns a grocery store at the corner of North Main and Scott streets which he has conducted for the past three years. He is a native of Fond du Lac, his birth having occurred on the 17th of September, 1857, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Whalen) Malone. The parents were both natives of Ireland, whence the father, who was a laborer, emigrated to the United States during his early manhood. The mother came to this country in 1846 and was married in New York city to Mr. Malone. Four years later, in 1850, they came to Fond du Lac and thereafter made this city their home. The father is deceased having passed away in 1895, at the age of seventy years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Malone numbered five, as follows: Murt, our subject; Peter; Denis; Edward and Elizabeth. The three eldest are unmarried, but the youngest son, Edward, married Tillie Orey of this city and they have three children: Edward, Jr., John and Kathryne. Elizabeth, the only daughter, became the wife of Ebenezer Lord of Neenah, this state, and to them have been born seven children: Bessie, Francis, Harry, Edward, Murt, Mabel, and Elvia. They are residing in Oshkosh.

Practically the entire life of Murt Malone has been passed in this city. He attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education until he was fifteen years of age, and then learned the butcher's trade. After following this occupation for twelve years he engaged in railroading, and for six years thereafter was employed on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad in the capacity of bridge man. He then was for four years a mail carrier and was one of the first to be appointed in Fond du Lac. At the end of that time he resigned his position

and became foreman in a laundry, retaining his place until 1909, when he withdrew from the service of others and established the grocery store he is now conducting. As he keeps a well assorted stock of staple and fancy groceries which he offers at moderate prices and is accommodating and considerate of his patrons he has succeeded in building up a very good trade.

Mr. Malone is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, in the faith of which he was reared, and in politics he is a republican.

LEO AUGUSTUS WILLIAMS.

Upon the foundation of broad general knowledge Leo Augustus Williams has builded his professional success as a member of the Fond du Lac bar, before which he is practicing as senior partner of the firm of Williams & Foster. He became connected with the legal fraternity in 1894, although he did not at once enter upon active practice and has made continuous advancement in his profession until he now occupies a prominent position among the leading lawyers of the county. He was born in Whitewater, Walworth county, Wisconsin, April 27, 1858, and is a representative of old New England families. His paternal grandfather was Captain Asad Williams, of Connecticut, who married Miss Jennie McGee, of Colerain, Massachusetts. In early manhood Captain Williams was a school teacher and also a music teacher and was prominent in local military circles. He was well advanced in years when he came to Wisconsin, settling in Walworth county, where he died at the age of eighty-three. His wife lived to the remarkable old age of ninety-eight years and six months and died February 13, 1880. They were the parents of eight children, Asad Dean, Eliza Jane, Lansing G., Jonathan McGee, Nathan Denison, Thomas Wilson and two who died in infancy. Of this family, Jonathan Williams, father of our subject, was born in New York and was reared as a farmer boy in Madison county, that state. On his removal westward to Wisconsin he settled in Walworth county, where he took up his abode in 1839, his father securing a large tract of government land there which was afterward divided among the children. Jonathan Williams purchased the interest of some of the other heirs in the property and improved a farm, upon which he reared his family. The tract was covered with a dense growth of forest trees when it came into possession of the Williams family. It was the haunt of Indians and wild animals and it seemed that the seed of civilization had scarcely been planted there but within a few years the labors of such enterprising men as Mr. Williams wrought a marked change and the forest lands were converted into productive fields. He cleared all of his land himself and made nearly all of the rails used to fence his place. He married Miss Sarah Hamilton, also a native of New York, daughter of Dr. Thomas Hamilton, a physician, who was likewise born in the Empire state and whose wife was Mrs. Sarah Armstrong Hamilton, who removed to the west with her children after the death of her husband, and settled in Whitewater where she spent her remaining days, passing away at the age of seventy-seven years. Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton had two children, Oscar Thomas and Sarah Minerva. The latter arrived in Wisconsin a little later than Jonathan Williams, whom she afterward married, coming from the vicinity of Ithaca, New York. She was a school teacher and taught in the first school in her neighborhood in Walworth county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Williams established their home in that county and there spent their remaining days, the home farm being located just on the edge of the town of Whitewater. Mr. Williams died in 1897, when seventy-seven years of age, and his wife survived him for a year or two, being about seventy years old at the time of her death. In their family were three children: Frank, of Whitewater, who is living on the old home farm which has been in posses-

sion of the family for four generations; Leo Augustus; and Charles McGee who is a practicing lawyer of Whitewater.

Leo A. Williams was reared in the usual manner of farm lads in Walworth county and attended the district and the state normal schools, being graduated from the latter with the class of 1883. Prior to that time he had engaged in teaching for two years in the district schools and following his graduation he became principal of the high school at Columbus, Wisconsin. In the fall of 1886 he was appointed county superintendent of schools of Walworth county and filled that position for six and a half years, having been elected for three terms. He was also register in probate in Walworth county for two terms and in the meantime he read law, thinking to make its practice his life work. Accordingly he later became a student in the law department of the University of Wisconsin, completed the course in 1894 and was admitted to the bar the same year. Following his graduation, however, he did not at once enter upon law practice but continued in the educational field, being elected principal of the high school at Fond du Lac, in which capacity he served for four years. He was also city superintendent of schools for seven years and was recognized as one of the most capable and successful educators connected with the public school system of Wisconsin. However, his determination to engage in the practice of law led him to take up the active work of the profession. He entered into a partnership with W. E. Griswold, with whom he was connected for ten years. About six years of that time Franklin W. Chadbourn was also associated with the firm, which conducted its business under the style of Williams, Griswold & Chadbourn. The last named was then elected district attorney and the firm was dissolved. In November, 1910, Mr. Williams formed a partnership with Frederick A. Foster, which still continues under the firm name of Williams & Foster. From the outset of his professional career he has made continuous advancement, giving evidence of his comprehensive knowledge of the law, his accuracy in applying its principles and his fidelity to the interests of his clients. In addition to his law practice Mr. Williams is well known in business circles as president of the Fond du Lac County Abstract Company, as a director of the Badger Sewing Company and as a director of the Myra Land Company.

On the 19th of November, 1890, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Laura Bassett, a daughter of Daniel and Caroline Bassett. In his political views Mr. Williams has always been an earnest republican, working for the success of his party, yet never seeking nor desiring office as a reward for party fealty. He belongs to Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., Fond du Lac Commandery No. 5, K. T., Wisconsin Consistory S. P. R. S. and Tripoli Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P., and is always loyal to the teachings of these organizations. Laudable ambition has actuated Mr. Williams at every step in his career. He held to high ideals in his educational work and also in his professional service and is now regarded as an able and conscientious practitioner.

JAMES E. CORCORAN.

James E. Corcoran has been engaged in the occupation of farming during all his career. His father was one of the pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county and was prominently identified with the agricultural development of the region for many years. He had handed down to his son the traditions of agriculture along scientific and modern lines and their holdings were known throughout the county as model farms. James E. Corcoran is a native son of Wisconsin. He was born in Washington county, that state, July 8, 1864. His parents were Michael and Ann (Murphy) Corcoran, both natives of Ireland. The father

came to this country at an early day and settled in Wisconsin in the pioneer days. He bought one hundred and twenty acres of land, cleared the timber, built a log cabin and engaged in the improvement and cultivation of his holdings. He lived on the old homestead until the birth of his son James in 1864. In that year he sold his holdings and moved to the town of Byron, Fond du Lac county, where he bought another farm of one hundred and eighty acres on section 1.

The father's entire career was given over to the development of his holdings. He died in April, 1888, and his wife in 1898, when she was seventy-five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Corcoran were the parents of nine children: Mary A., who married Edward Ryan and who is the mother of three children, Ella, Frank and Edward; Francis L., who married in California and lives at San Jose, that state; Thomas H., who wedded Margaret McCarty, by whom he has five children, Clarence, Blanch, Irene, Marie and Margaret; Hannah, the wife of John Kelly, by whom she has three children, Anna, William and Minnie; John, who married Miss Emma Bastain and is the father of two children, Leola and Bernice; Elizabeth, who is the widow of the late Alexander Gray and is the mother of one child, Nellie; Michael, who married Miss Emma Smith, of Eden; Ella, now Mrs. John Bowen and the mother of five children, of whom three are living; and James E., our subject.

James E. Corcoran was born in Washington county during his father's residence there and received his early education in the district schools of Fond du Lac county and later attended high school for some time. He laid aside his books at the age of eighteen years and entered immediately upon his life's occupation of agriculture. He farmed upon the tract in section 1, Byron township, which he had acquired through inheritance. He has been remarkably successful in the improvement and development of the land and his holdings have increased every year in value. He has made during the years of his occupancy many valuable improvements. He has added to his sheds and outbuildings and has laid off his land into convenient fields. He has installed modern machinery and has done everything in his power to make his property one of the model farms of the district.

On May 8, 1889, Mr. Corcoran was united in marriage at St. John's Catholic church in Byron, to Miss Altine Divers, a daughter of a pioneer farmer of Fond du Lac county. Mr. and Mrs. Corcoran are the parents of two children, Hazel and Arlyn, both of whom are living with their parents on the home farm. Politically Mr. Corcoran gives his allegiance to the democratic party and as a farmer is interested in legislation looking to the improvement of the country districts. He and his family are devoted members of the Roman Catholic church, in which faith Mr. Corcoran was reared and in which he is bringing up his children. He is one of the many active, able and energetic men in Fond du Lac county who by their individual efforts along progressive agricultural lines are doing so much to insure and promote growth and prosperity.

LOUIS POKET.

Louis Poket, who has been successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits in Eden township throughout his entire business career, is one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of his community. His birth occurred in Canada on the 24th of May, 1848, his parents being Louis and Genevieve (Arndt) Poket. The maternal grandfather of our subject had gone to Canada with the French army and remained in that country. Louis Poket, Sr., a native of Ontario, came to the United States with his family and settled in the town of Empire, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, removing after two years to Eden, where he purchased land that was wild and covered with timber. The log shanty which

he erected thereon remained the home of the family for fourteen years. On the expiration of that period he purchased another farm south of Eden, improved the same and continued its operation throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away in 1887, at the age of eighty-three years, and thus the community lost one of its most respected and worthy pioneer settlers. His wife was called to her final rest in 1881, when seventy-six years of age. Their four children were as follows: Mary Jane, who is now deceased; Louis, of this review; Israel; and Emery.

Louis Poket, who was but eight years of age when his parents came to this county, had but few educational opportunities in his youth owing to the sparsely settled and undeveloped condition of this region at that time. He is largely self-educated, having constantly augmented his knowledge by reading and investigation. Throughout his entire career he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and owns a splendid farm in Eden township, which annually yields golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon it.

Mr. Poket is a devout communicant of St. Louis Catholic church and has probably done more than any other man to help build and support the same. His deeds of kindness and charity are innumerable and are always performed in a quiet, unostentatious manner. In the community where he has resided continuously for almost two-thirds of a century he enjoys the kindly regard and friendship of all who know him, for his life has ever been beyond reproach.

QUICK & BRAYTON.

The well known firm of Quick & Brayton, general dealers in farm implements, is among the substantial and successful business institutions of Fond du Lac. The warehouse and salesroom of this firm are located at No. 21-23 East Second street. William W. Quick, senior member of the firm, was born in the state of New York on December 17, 1861, and is the son of Alonzo T. and Jeanette (Ladd) Quick, both of whom were natives of New York. To them three children were born: John, of Fond du Lac, who married Mary Nash, of Lamartine, by whom he has two children, Jessie and Lillian; Elwood A., who married Nettie Gilbert of Fond du Lac and has one daughter, Ethel, who married Percy Chadburn, formerly of Fond du Lac and now of Washington, D. C.; and William W., the subject of this review.

William W. Quick received his early education in the public schools of Lamartine. At the age of eighteen years he started in life for himself and for some time was engaged in farming. He later purchased a place of his own which he successfully operated until 1902. In that year he purchased a one half interest in the Northwestern Cold Storage Company and to the interests of that business he gave his attention for a period of eight years. In 1910 he purchased the entire interest of Mr. Rodgers in the firm of the Rodgers, Schwartz & Brayton Farm Implement Company, of Fond du Lac, and since that time he has been constantly devoting his attention to the interests of that business.

Mr. Quick was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brayton of Lamartine, and to them two children have been born, Alma and Alonzo. William W. Quick is a loyal and consistent member of the republican party but has never at any time sought political preferment. He and his family are members of the Congregational church of Fond du Lac. He is a man highly esteemed among the business men of Fond du Lac for his careful attention to business and his unquestioned integrity in all his business transactions. He is always deeply interested in any public measure seeking the moral, educational and business improvement of the people in his state and county.

John Brayton, the junior partner in the firm of Quick & Brayton, is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Lamartine, Wisconsin, on April 7th, 1868. He is a son of Charles and Eliza J. (Brown) Brayton. The father was a native of Washington county, New York, and the mother of Waukesha, Wisconsin. They were united in wedlock in Lamartine, this state, and to them eight children were born, of whom six are living. Fred married Maggie Hassy, of Nebraska, where Mr. Brayton is engaged in ranching. Frank married Minnie D. Woody, also of Nebraska and to them two children have been born, Donald and John Douglas. The family reside in Nebraska where Mr. Brayton is engaged in the general merchandizing business. Mary married William W. Quick, senior partner in the firm of Quick & Brayton, of Fond du Lac. John is the junior member of the firm of Quick & Brayton. Klista married Robert Meickeljohn, of Waupun, where he is engaged in farming. Samuel married Della O'Neal, of Rosendale and has three children, Hazel, Gladys and Fern. He is engaged in farming. The mother of this family passed away in 1904 and later Mr. Brayton was united in marriage to Miss Inez Roblee, of Fond du Lac, on April 9, 1907. To this union one child has been born, Marian.

John Brayton was reared at home and educated in the public schools and later pursued a two years' course in Mann's Business College of Fond du Lac. After completing his education he was successfully engaged in farming for fifteen years and after the death of his mother he spent three or four years traveling throughout the western portion of this country after which he settled in Fond du Lac, where he opened a farm implement store, in association with Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Schwartz, both of Fond du Lac. The business was conducted under the firm name of Rodgers, Schwartz & Brayton and continued to be very successful. After a period of two years Mr. Brayton purchased the entire interest of Mr. Schwartz in the business and the name of the firm was changed to Rodgers & Brayton. That copartnership was maintained for three years, at the end of which time the interest of Mr. Rodgers was purchased by Mr. Quick, the present senior member of the firm of Quick & Brayton. The warehouse and salesroom of the firm of Quick & Brayton are located at No. 21-23 East Second street, Fond du Lac. The firm is engaged in the general farm implement business and is one of the well known and highly creditable business establishments in the county of Fond du Lac.

Mr. Brayton was united in marriage to Miss Alice May Roblee, of Fond du Lac, in 1894. To them two children have been born, Leon and Vernice. Mr. Brayton is affiliated with the republican party and is a loyal member of that political organization. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and both he and Mrs. Brayton are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Brayton's name in the business circles of Fond du Lac county is a synonym for industry in all matters of business transactions. He readily gives his influence and assistance to the advancement of matters of public interest, affecting the well-being of his community.

WILLIAM WALTER WILD.

William Walter Wild, retired manufacturer and lumberman of Fond du Lac, is one upon the pages of whose life history the record of success is written. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 19th of November, 1853, the son of Benjamin and Eliza (Bonell) Wild, both natives of England. The maternal grandfather, James Bonell, came from that country and established a home at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in which grew up the following sons and daughters: James, William, Frederick, Arthur, Thomas, Eliza and Fanny. He followed agricultural pursuits, and he and his wife led long and useful lives. The paternal

grandfather was likewise English and by occupation was a baker. There were four children in his family, Benjamin, Henry, Lucy and Mary. His son Benjamin, the father of William Walter Wild, at the completion of his school days learned the designer's profession but for a time followed the baker's trade. When he had reached man's estate he turned to the new world and the prospects of rapid advancement which it offered to ambitious young men. All of the novel and ofttimes trying experiences of the pioneer awaited him. He first made his home at what is now the city of Milwaukee, but in 1859 removed to Fond du Lac, where he sought a business opening in the line which he had followed as a youth in England. He bought the business already established by a Mr. Barnes, a cracker and confectionery manufactory, which he developed and which he conducted successfully for many years, until the dawn of a new era in industrial affairs when individual factories and commercial enterprises merged into greater combines for the more economical prosecution of business. When that time came Mr. Wild was alert to see the strength of the new system and sold his manufactory and trade to a syndicate. After 1900 he lived a retired life, his death occurring on September 25, 1904, at the age of seventy-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Wild were born eight children, six of whom are still living, as follows: Sarah J., wife of John Heath; William Walter, of this review; Benjamin; Eliza L., wife of N. R. Heath; Fanny L., wife of C. H. Beers, of Eustis, Florida; and Edward B. All reside in Fond du Lac except Mrs. Beers. Mrs. Wild passed away on the 25th of January, 1901, in her seventy-first year. Mr. and Mrs. Wild were members of St. Paul's cathedral, in which he held the honored post of junior warden.

William Walter Wild was six years of age when his parents removed from Milwaukee to Fond du Lac, so that his school days began in the latter city. He was a pupil of the public schools and of St. Paul's private school, where he received the education which fitted him for a commercial career. He entered his father's office to familiarize himself with the successive steps of the industry and held the positions of cashier and bookkeeper for many years, until the business was sold to the syndicate. Mr. Wild was well acquainted with the details of the manufacture of crackers and confectionery and with the sale of the finished product so that he naturally reentered business in the same line, allying himself with the National Biscuit Company, with which he remained for ten years. At the end of that period he became associated with the Crofoot Lumber Company, engaging in the lumber trade in which his foresight and business sagacity assured him success both rapid and permanent. He is a director in the First National Bank of Fond du Lac and a power in its councils.

On the 17th of October, 1878, Mr. Wild married Miss Agnes I. Jones, daughter of Edward H. and Emily (Baker) Jones. She was born in Fond du Lac, her parents having come first to Milwaukee and later to Fond du Lac when both were frontier towns offering little to attract settlers from the cultured east. Her father was a native of Connecticut and her mother of England, and in the new country they established a home graced by the refinements amid which they had themselves been reared. They both passed away in Fond du Lac. To Mr. and Mrs. Wild has been born one daughter, Amy Estelle, who married F. S. McMillan of Fond du Lac. The three children of this union are, Franklin Wild, Marjory L. and Richard F.

In his political views Mr. Wild is an independent republican, standing by the party loyally in so far as it truly represents the fundamental principles upon which it was founded, but broad-mindedly supporting the men most worthy of office, whatever their party affiliations. He has been interested in the cause of education, being convinced that the industrial and social advancement of the masses is assured by the training which they receive through the free public school system, and his advice and judgment have been of great value in the deliberations of the board of education of which he has been an honored member.

He and his wife attend St. Paul's cathedral as did his parents before him. The advantages of education and wealth have been his, and with them the responsibility which power entails upon its possessors, so that Mr. Wild's name is one of great influence in financial and social circles.

FRANZ ROSSNER.

Mr. Rossner is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Fond du Lac where he is engaged in manufacturing and dealing in marble and granite monuments. He is a native of Germany, being born in that country on March 15, 1843, and is a son of Gottfried and Christiana (Mueller) Rossner, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father during his life was engaged in the general contracting and building business in Germany. Besides our subject, one brother and one sister came to the United States.

Franz Rossner received his early education in the common schools and later studied architectural drawing and construction work in an architectural school. At the age of fifteen years he engaged as an apprenticed mason and stone cutter and continued in that employment until he had mastered a complete knowledge of the business. In 1868 he came to Fond du Lac, where he pursued the vocation of his trade until 1875 and at that time he opened a marble and granite shop and has since engaged in the granite and marble monument business.

Mr. Rossner was united in marriage to Miss Paulina Biedermann and they have adopted a son, Henry B., who is in partnership in business with his father. He was united in wedlock to Miss Norma Ruschmeier, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and to them two children have been born, Armand L. and Mellita. Mr. Rossner is affiliated with the democratic party and fraternally is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 112, of Fond du Lac.

Mr. Rossner is a highly esteemed and greatly respected man throughout the county of Fond du Lac. His long business career in the city of Fond du Lac has been one of success and of great credit to himself. He is an enterprising and industrious citizen, and is a man of scrupulous integrity in all matters of business and interested in the general welfare and advancement of the community.

WILLIAM H. TREWIN.

William H. Trewin is one of the well known and successful farmers of Fond du Lac county where he is successfully engaged in the cultivation of his farm of forty-five acres located in Fond du Lac township. He was born in Dupage county, Illinois, May 26, 1848, and is a son of William and Mary (Jeffrys) Trewin, both of whom were natives of England. The father was born in 1808 and emigrated to America, settling in Illinois at the time that state was still designated on the map as a territory. He there purchased government land and for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits. The mother was born in 1803 and celebrated her marriage in England, her native country. To Mr. and Mrs. William Trewin seven children were born: Alice, who was the wife of John Batton, of Bloomingdale, Illinois, and passed away about 1872 leaving six children; Elizabeth, who married John Jones, an agriculturist of Bloomingdale, Illinois, and has three children: Hannah, who is the widow of A. G. Kaughman and the mother of six children and resides in Fond du Lac; William H., the subject of this sketch; and Susan, Eliza and Richard, all of whom are married.

William H. Trewin was reared in his parents' home and received his elementary education in the public schools of Bloomingdale, Illinois. He remained

under the parental roof until twenty years of age at which time he started out in life for himself as a carpenter and continued to follow the pursuit of that craft for a period of twelve years. He had charge of the roundhouse of the Narrow Gauge Railroad until it ceased to be operative, which service extended over a period of eight years. He was then employed by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company for some time after which he worked as an engineer for two years at Marinette, Wisconsin. In the spring of 1884 he located on a farm in Fond du Lac county and has since devoted his attention to its cultivation, in which he has been very successful.

Mr. Trewin was first united in marriage in 1874 to Miss Priscilla Morton, of Fond du Lac. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Morton, who were among the early pioneer settlers of Wisconsin. The father was born in 1808 and passed away at the age of ninety-two. To Mr. and Mrs. William Trewin one child, Susan, was born. Mrs. Trewin passed away in 1882. Mr. Trewin in 1883 was united in marriage to Miss Maggie McDougall, a daughter of Archibald and May McDougall, the father a farmer by occupation. To this union eight children were born, Archibald, William, Roy, Maud, Gilbert, Nina, and two children who died in infancy.

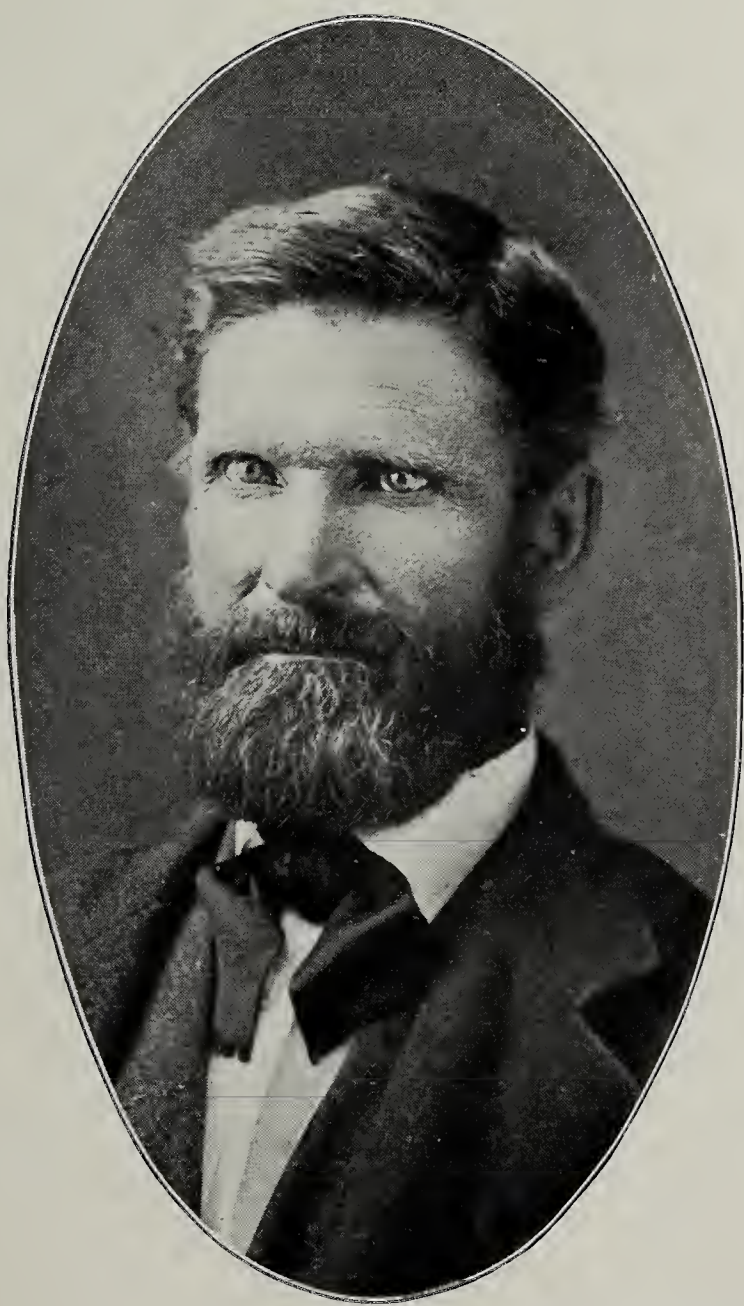
Mr. Trewin is affiliated with the republican party, has held the office of justice of the peace for a period of twelve years, has been weed commissioner for four years and for two years has served as health officer in the town of Fond du Lac. He holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is one of the active members of the Old Settlers' Club of Fond du Lac. He and his wife are communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Trewin is justly entitled to be enrolled among the early pioneers of Fond du Lac county in which he has spent the major portion of his life. He is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of his portion of the state and a man who has always been identified with every public measure intended to advance and improve the conditions of the people in his community.

IRA WALTENBERRY.

The late Ira Waltenberry was one of the early pioneers of Fond du Lac county, where for many years his energies were devoted to farming and stock-raising. He was originally a subject of Great Britain, having been born in Toronto, Canada, on the 19th of August, 1827, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Barnhart) Waltenberry.

Ira Waltenberry remained in his native country until he had attained his majority, when he crossed the border into the United States, locating in Fond du Lac in 1848. For several years thereafter he freighted between Empire and Waupun, following which he took a position as stationary engineer, subsequently having the distinction of running the first electric light plant in Fond du Lac. He had previously purchased a farm of sixty acres in the vicinity of Empire, which he had been renting, but it had become badly run down and the buildings were much in need of repair, so he removed there with his family and gave his personal supervision to its cultivation and improvement. For several years thereafter he gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits, but he subsequently returned to Fond du Lac. Mr. Waltenberry was given but meager schooling, but the experiences and observations of later life united with wide general reading enabled him to become well informed on a variety of subjects, particularly those of current import.

Mr. Waltenberry was married in Fond du Lac on the 13th of November, 1854, to Miss Margaret Stoddart, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 29th of November, 1827. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Brun-



MR. AND MRS. IRA WALTENBERRY



ton) Stoddart, who emigrated to America with their family in 1849, locating in Fond du Lac, where the father acquired land in the cultivation of which he engaged until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Waltenberry became the parents of seven children, as follows: John and William, who are twins; Elizabeth; Anna Mary, who is deceased; Ira; Emma; and Archibald. After the death of the father the sons engaged in the operation of the farm at Empire which they subsequently sold, purchasing the place they now own in Ripon township. Their present farm is comprised of four hundred and forty-two acres. Here they engage in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, making a specialty of dairying. They annually raise large quantities of hay and such cereals as are best adapted to the feeding of stock. Their cattle are all high-grade Durhams, and they continually maintain a herd of about one hundred head. As they are highly diligent and enterprising men they are meeting with success in the development of their interests and are numbered among the prosperous and efficient agriculturists of the township. Their place, which is known as "Evergreen Mound Stock Farm," is well kept, manifesting in its general appearance the direction of capably organized and clearly defined methods in its operation. Mr. Waltenberry passed away on the 12th of July, 1897, but he is survived by his widow, who possesses unusual mental and physical vigor for a woman of eighty-five years. She leads a life of activity and makes her home on the farm with her sons.

Mr. Waltenberry was a member of the Presbyterian church as is also his widow and family, and his fraternal relations were confined to his membership in the Odd Fellows organization. He was a republican in his political views, but was not connected with the official life of his township, although he took an active interest in all that pertained to the community welfare.

WILLIAM A. SIMMONS.

William A. Simmons, who owns and operates the "Hillside Stock Farm," comprising two hundred and forty acres, is extensively engaged in the breeding and raising of high-grade Holstein cattle. He was born in Winnebago county, Wisconsin on the 3d of March, 1863, and is a son of William and Eurella (Bartow) Simmons, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of New York. The father came to Winnebago county, making the journey from the east along the old Indian trail, in 1848, and filed on government land on the old site of the postoffice at Nekima. His holdings there comprised three hundred acres, which he diligently and successfully cultivated for many years. He subsequently disposed of this farm, however, and purchased a small one in the vicinity of Oshkosh, where he passed the remainder of his life. Mr. Simmons was one of the prominent citizens of the pioneer period, taking an active interest in all political affairs. He voted the republican ticket and had the distinction of being the first postmaster of Nekima, while he was several times sent to the state assembly. He had long been identified with the Masonic fraternity, which order conducted his funeral obsequies. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Simmons numbered six, two of whom are deceased.

William A. Simmons was only three years of age when his parents removed to Oshkosh, in the public schools of which city he pursued his education. After graduating from the high school he took a general commercial course in a local business college, qualifying himself for the practical duties of life. He has always devoted his energies to farming in which occupation he has met with more than average success, owing to the capable and efficient methods he has employed. For three years after his marriage he resided on his father's place, but at the expiration of that period he removed to his present farm. He takes great

pride in his farm which is one of the most attractive and valuable properties in the community. He has a large comfortable residence, and substantial barns and sheds to shelter his stock and grain. During the period of his ownership he has wrought many improvements, and has installed about the premises various appliances and conveniences consistent with the progressive spirit he at all times manifests in his undertakings. In connection with the cultivation of his fields he raises stock, making a specialty of Holstein cattle. He is one of the best known stockmen in this section of the state, and ships his cattle all over the United States, and at the same time maintains a herd of one hundred head.

On the 6th of January, 1886, Mr. Simmons was united in marriage to Miss Jane Fraser, who was born on the farm, where our subject now resides. Her father was a sea captain, but his health failed and he came to Wisconsin and engaged in agricultural pursuits until he was able to resume his former vocation. It has always been supposed that his ship was lost in a storm, as neither he nor any member of his crew were ever again heard from. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, as follows: Walter, who is twenty-three years of age; Charles, who is nineteen; Edith, who has passed the seventh anniversary of her birth; and George, who died at the age of nine years. The eldest son graduated from the high school and Ripon College and is with his father engaged in the cattle business.

Mr. Simmons is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Ripon, and takes an active interest in the work of the order. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has for twenty years been secretary of the school district. He is one of the substantial citizens of the community and is numbered among the prominent stock men of the state. Enterprising and progressive in his business, he applies himself with such earnestness and determination of purpose to his tasks that ultimately will bring success in any line of work.

JOHN A. WILLIE.

John A. Willie is one of the well known and respected citizens of Fond du Lac county, where he is successfully engaged as superintendent of a two hundred acre farm located in Fond du Lac township, which is the property of E. A. Galloway, of Fond du Lac. He was born in the town of Fond du Lac, January 13, 1874, and is a son of John Henry and Elizabeth Catherine (Von Hime) Willie. The father, a native of Hessen, Germany, was born January 17, 1835, and emigrated to America, settling in New York on May 7, 1855. The mother, a native of Hanover, Germany, emigrated to America in the fall of 1857 and settled first at New Orleans, Louisiana, but in 1858 removed to Chicago, Illinois, where she celebrated her marriage on October 29, 1863.

John Henry Willie received his education in the schools of his native land and as a young man was there engaged in various kinds of labor until 1855, at which time he emigrated to America. After spending one year in New York he removed to Chicago, where he entered the employ of a gentleman of prominence as coachman, remaining thus engaged for a period of ten years, during which time he was married. On the 14th of April, 1865, the day on which President Lincoln was assassinated, he removed with his family to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he has since continued to live. He was for eighteen years in the employ of E. A. Galloway, during which time he had charge of the latter's farm of two hundred acres, located in Fond du Lac township. He has since retired from active work and lives on Eleventh street in Fond du Lac. At Chicago, October 29, 1863, Mr. Willie was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Catherine Von Hime, the officiating clergyman at their wedding being the Rev. Kinchen of the German Lutheran church. To them six children were born: Emma Marie,

born November 23, 1864, whose marriage to Thomas Warren occurred November 19, 1890; George Henry, born February 10, 1867, who married Sarah Jane Hounsell on February 26, 1900; Edward John, born December 14, 1870; John August, of this review; Frank Christopher, born August 5, 1877; and Charles Frederick, born November 12, 1881, who was married on December 27, 1911, to Roselia Augusta Jahn. Mr. Willie affiliates with the republican party and he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church of Fond du Lac.

John A. Willie was reared in his parents' home and completed his elementary education in the public schools at the age of sixteen years. He then worked with his father on Mr. Galloway's farm until 1903, in which year his father retired from active labor and since that time the subject of this review has taken entire charge of the place, which consists of two hundred acres of highly developed agricultural land, on which is a herd of thirty-five cattle, and seven horses.

In Fond du Lac, July 22, 1901, Mr. Willie was united in marriage to Miss Anna Roselia Jahn, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jahn. The father was formerly engaged in farming but now conducts a saloon at Monticello, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Willie are the parents of three children, George, Walter and John III. Mr. Willie is affiliated with the independent wing of the republican party and has served as road superintendent for ten years. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Willie is in every way a worthy successor to his father in farming and is numbered among the successful men in that branch of industry in his portion of the state. He is a man of unquestioned integrity and always is interested in every movement intended to advance the interests of the people of his county and state.

PETER OLESON.

Peter Oleson, who owns and operates eighty acres of land in Ripon township, is one of the diligent and enterprising citizens Denmark has furnished the United States. His birth occurred in the land of the Danes in 1845, his parents being Rasmus and Bertha Oleson, both descended from substantial and highly respected families. They passed their entire lives in the old country, the father's death occurring at the age of seventy-one and that of the mother at sixty-eight years, and to them were born eight children.

In 1863, when a youth of eighteen years, Peter Oleson started on the long voyage to America, with Wisconsin as his destination. As he had never learned a trade he began his career in the United States as a farm hand in Fond du Lac county, which occupation he followed for eight years. He was thrifty and enterprising and during that time managed to accumulate sufficient means to enable him to begin farming for himself, so he rented the place where he now resides. It was his ambition to become a property owner, and with this incentive to goad him on he worked tirelessly and practiced the most rigid economy, subsequently acquiring the title to the farm he was operating. During the long period of his ownership he has wrought many changes in the place, which is one of the attractive and valuable homesteads of the community and is in every way a tribute to his skill both as an agriculturist and business man. He is ambitious and progressive and his undertakings are directed with intelligence and foresight.

On the 31st of January, 1874, Mr. Oleson was married to Miss Hannah Elizabeth Andreasen, whose birth occurred in Denmark on the 28th of March, 1847. She emigrated to America alone in 1870 and joined friends in Wisconsin. Here she met and was subsequently married to Mr. Oleson and they have become the parents of five children. Bertha, who was born in 1874, the wife of Ora W. Goodrich; James P., whose birth occurred in 1876; May Julia, whose natal year was 1880; Norman H., who was born in 1883; and Katrina E., who was born in

1889. They have all been given the advantages of good, practical educations and have developed into ambitious, capable members of society. All but the eldest daughter are living at home and are directing their energies toward the achievement of a definite end, which they are pursuing with earnest purpose. The youngest daughter is teaching and she and her sister are also deeply interested in horticulture, and have a most attractive and well kept garden. They find a ready market for their flowers in Ripon, particularly their peonies of which they make a specialty. They have been awarded the first prize on their cut flowers at Fond du Lac, Ripon and Berlin and also on their apples and plums. In connection with their horticultural pursuits they are successfully engaged in raising chickens. The eldest son took a course in the agricultural department at the State University at Madison, and has for several years been superintendent of the fruit display at the Fond du Lac county fair. Mr. and Mrs. Oleson take great pride and satisfaction in their children, who are in every way a credit and well repay them for the effort they made to provide them with good advantages.

He and his wife are members of the Danish Lutheran church, and in politics he is a republican. Although he takes an active interest in the development of his community, he has never been identified with its political life in any capacity save that of treasurer of the school district. Both Mr. and Mrs. Oleson relate many interesting reminiscences of pioneer days and their early experiences, although discouraging and hard have never darkened their lives nor lessened their enjoyment of the success that has come to them in later years. They are most estimable people and would be an acquisition to any community, as they are not so deeply absorbed in their personal affairs as to forget their obligations to their neighbors and society generally.

MICHAEL COSTELLO.

The prosperous and fertile state of Wisconsin owes its present greatness to the men of pioneer times who bought farm lands in the state when they were in an extremely unimproved condition, felled the timber, cleared off the stumps and wrested out of a primitive wilderness civilization and prosperity. Michael Costello has the distinction of being the son of one of the earliest Wisconsin pioneers. He was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, September 2, 1857, and is a son of Daniel and Ann (Claughton) Costello, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Daniel Costello left his native country for America in 1839. He landed in New York in that year and went immediately to Massachusetts where he remained sixteen years. At the end of that time he came to Fond du Lac, where he worked as a laborer on a railroad. By much economy and strict saving he accumulated enough money to buy forty acres of farm land in Dodge county. He operated this for some time but subsequently sold his holdings and purchased eighty acres in Byron township where he lived until his death in 1867, at the age of sixty years. He was one of the early pioneers of the state of Wisconsin and when he bought his first tract of land was obliged to clear it of timber before he could commence its cultivation. He built himself a crude log cabin with the lumber which he obtained by felling his trees and lived in this for many years. He was one of the prominent figures in the early development of the state and was well known as an active worker during his life. He and his wife were the parents of five children: Daniel M., who married Miss Martha Lloyd; Thomas, who wedded Anna Lonergan; Michael; Rose, the deceased wife of George McCarthy; and Margaret, who married John Murray, both of whom have passed away, the latter in 1910.

Michael Costello was educated in district school No. 1 of Byron township and pursued his studies up to the age of twenty years. When he laid aside

his books he entered the employ of a lumber company for one year and then joined his brothers in the management and operation of the eighty acres of land which they had inherited from their father. The brothers worked together until 1885, when they divided the property and Michael Costello received his share of the land. Upon this foundation he has built up in the course of his career one of the largest and most productive farms in Byron township. He has added to his holdings at various times during his life and now has two hundred and five acres of rich land under cultivation. He pursues his farming along modern and scientific lines and is constantly making improvements upon his farm.

On June 15, 1886, Mr. Costello was united in marriage in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, to Miss Mary A. Boyle, a daughter of Patrick Boyle, who was a baggage master on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad for twenty-two years and was also on police force and fire department. Mr. and Mrs. Costello are the parents of five children: Addis E., Vincent de Paul, Eugene Boyle, Ruth Ann, Rose Helen, all of whom are living with their parents on the home farm. The family holds membership in the Eden Catholic church and are well known in its affairs.

Mr. Costello is a democrat and has held various public offices. He served from 1902 to 1911 as chairman of Byron township and was then chosen county road commissioner for three years. He has always been interested in educational affairs and active in promoting the welfare of the schools of his district. He has served for twenty-nine years as director of the school board and has done efficient and conscientious work in this capacity. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, and is also prominent in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of the successful men of Byron township and has done much during the course of his life to promote the growth and progress of that city.

JOSEPH M. GOODING.

The legal profession of Fond du Lac has a worthy representative in Joseph M. Gooding, who has been engaged in the practice of law since 1890 and in this city since 1893. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate talents and powers. He has wisely and conscientiously developed his resources and the years have brought him the success which follows earnest endeavor as expressed in the careful analysis of his cases and the logical presentation of his cause before the courts. His birth occurred in Jennings county, Indiana, June 3, 1867. His father, John Gooding, was a native of Prussia, Germany, and was a son of Jacob Gooding, who died at an old age. John Gooding spent the first six years of his life in the village of Saarlouis, and was then brought by his parents to the new world, at which time they settled in St. Ann's township, Jennings county, Indiana, where he was reared to manhood on his father's farm. He early met the experiences of frontier life and his home training acquainted him with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. His energies were devoted to agricultural activities until 1861, when he entered the army as a Union soldier and served until the close of the war. In the spring of 1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Merten, who was born in the village of Morbach, Prussia, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Schneider) Merten, both of whom are deceased, the former having passed away at the age of eighty-five years, and the latter when seventy years of age. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. John Gooding began their domestic life in Indiana, but in the spring of 1869 removed to Nevada, settling in the Reese river valley, where Mr. Gooding died in 1897,

at the age of fifty-nine years. His wife lives in Austin, Nevada, and is a communicant of the Catholic church, to which Mr. Gooding also belonged. He served as county commissioner of his county for two terms and was also representative to the Nevada legislature for one term. For ten years he maintained a school upon his ranch for the education of his children and others in the neighborhood and he was the first man in his state to raise a flag over the schoolhouse. To Mr. and Mrs. John Gooding were born eleven children, of whom the following reached adult years: Joseph M.; Mary, the wife of George N. Dierenger, of the Reese river valley, Nevada; Fannie, the wife of John F. Schmaling, of the Reese river valley; Margaret E., the deceased wife of John Bowler; Rose T., the wife of James Day, of Denver, Colorado; and Josephine, of Reno, Nevada.

Joseph M. Gooding was very young when the family left Indiana for the west and in the Reese river valley he was reared, spending his time upon his father's ranch. His education was largely acquired in St. Mary's Institute at Dayton, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1884. For two years thereafter he remained upon his father's ranch, but not desirous of engaging in agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life, he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he read law. After his return to Nevada he was admitted to the bar by the supreme court in 1890 and in the fall of that year was elected district attorney. In 1893 he came to Fond du Lac, where he has since followed his profession. He marshals his resources with the precision of a military commander directing his forces in battle. His points are well taken, his deductions are logical and his arguments clear and forceful. These qualities have brought him a clientage that connects him with much important litigation.

On the 10th of May, 1892, Joseph M. Gooding was married to Miss Carrie Moon, a daughter of Nathan W. and Ann (Leonard) Moon, of Rosendale, Wisconsin, the birthplace of Mrs. Gooding. Her father was a native of Massachusetts, while her mother was born in Ireland. He was one of the first settlers of Rosendale and was ever honored as a pioneer settler there. Both he and his wife have passed away. In their family were five children: Emma R., who is the wife of William T. Reed; N. Jesse; William H.; John L.; and Carrie M. Mr. and Mrs. Gooding are the parents of three children, Laurence E., Ralph U. and Marguerite Ann.

In his political views Mr. Gooding has always been an earnest democrat, deeming the principles of the party strong forces in promoting public progress. He was city attorney of Fond du Lac in 1901, 1902 and 1903, and for seven years was one of the police and fire commissioners here. For the past fifteen years he has been court commissioner and has recently been reappointed. He is a prominent member of the Equitable Fraternal Union, also of the National Fraternal League and he is further connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The basic qualities of these organizations make strong appeal to him, for they constitute the elements which prompt honorable manhood and progressive citizenship.

SAMUEL C. STANCHFIELD.

Samuel C. Stanchfield is the owner of a valuable farm in Fond du Lac county comprising two hundred and thirty-eight acres of excellent and improved land highly developed along modern lines to which he has given his entire attention since 1893. He was born on May 30, 1864, and is a native son of Fond du Lac county. His father, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, is Samuel B. Stanchfield.

Samuel C. Stanchfield attended the public schools of Fond du Lac county until he was eighteen years of age and supplemented this foundation by two seasons at Mann's Business College. He early became acquainted with the details of scientific agriculture by assisting his father in the work of the home farm. His first duties were the minor ones suitable to his age and strength, but when he attained his majority he took entire charge of the management and direction of the property and successfully promoted his father's interests until 1893. In that year he moved to the farm of two hundred and thirty-eight acres in Fond du Lac township which he now occupies and has since that time been actively engaged as an agriculturist. He makes a specialty of the breeding and raising of high grade Holstein cattle and is the owner of some of the finest stock in the state of Wisconsin. He exhibits at all the county and state fairs and has never lost blue ribbons when they were offered. He has sixty head of the best grade of Holstein cattle and gives personal supervision to their scientific care. He is known throughout Fond du Lac county as an expert in this line and his opinions and advice are often sought. He keeps eight horses upon his land and is always careful to have them thoroughbred stock.

Mr. Stanchfield was married to Miss Gertrude Bartlett, a daughter of Charles and Mary Bartlett, of Fond du Lac. Mrs. Stanchfield's father was a butcher and successful in this line of activity until his death in 1898. His wife still survives him and makes her home in Fond du Lac. To Mr. and Mrs. Stanchfield have been born three children, Mabel G., Samuel C., Jr., and Gancello. The family hold membership in the Congregational church.

Mr. Stanchfield is a staunch republican and even as a boy exhibited a patriotic loyalty to his country and state. He served as a member of Company E, Second Wisconsin National Guards, for three years in his youth, and has always been interested in military tactics. He belongs to the Masonic order and is prominent in the Knights of Pythias. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and in the Equitable Fraternal Union. His name is also well known in the National Union. He has devoted his life to doing one thing well at a time, and believing that nothing is attained without industry and energy has founded his success upon well directed enterprise and scientific efficiency.

REV. AUGUST JUNG.

Rev. August Jung is a minister of the German Evangelical Lutheran church in Byron township, Wisconsin, and has been a member of the clerical profession since 1885. During his long period of service he has been identified with only two parishes. He has spent seventeen years in the town of Byron, faithfully performing his duties and gaining a reputation in his community as a helper and friend of his congregation. He was born in Foreston, Illinois, and is a son of William and Susan (Seidenstricker) Jung, both natives of Germany. His father was born in that country March 22, 1833, and his mother on November 5, 1836. They came to America when the father was twenty-one and the mother twelve years of age. Both settled in St. Louis where they resided for a number of years. They were married in Illinois and became the parents of eleven children, five of whom are deceased. Those living are: August, the subject of this sketch; Eliza; Matilda; Mary; William and Rose, who married Peter Lorenzen, a prosperous farmer of Minnesota, by whom she has four children, August, Amanda, Mary and Alfred.

August Jung was educated in the public schools at the various places where his parents resided, and later attended the colleges of the German Evangelical Synod of North America in St. Louis, graduating in the ministry in 1885. His first charge was in Indiana where he remained for nine years. This was the

only other parish which Mr. Jung presided over beside his present field of activity. He came to the town of Byron in 1895 and has been active in religious work in that vicinity since that time. Mr. Jung is a true minister, eager for the welfare of his congregation and active in promoting it. He is constantly influenced by the highest and loftiest motives and his work is conducted along lines of broad humanity and a sense of the universal brotherhood of mankind. His hand is always outstretched to aid the poor and suffering and his name is well known among the poorer and humbler classes in Byron where it is a synonym for all that is charitable and worthy.

In his political views Mr. Jung keeps himself entirely independent of party lines. He takes no active part in political affairs, his time and attention being fully occupied in the arduous duties of his calling. He brings to the performance of these duties a kind, prayerful and humble heart which would dignify a humble position and which is a constant adornment to a high one.

JOSEPH J. LAMB.

Joseph J. Lamb is successfully engaged in the cultivation of his farm located in Friendship township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. He was born in the township in 1866 and is a son of Peter and Marguerite (Crowley) Lamb. He was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Friendship and was later graduated from the business college in Fond du Lac. He has been engaged in farming during the major portion of his active life and is known to be one of the up-to-date and prosperous farmers of his part of Fond du Lac county.

Joseph J. Lamb was united in marriage, in Chicago, to Miss Anna O'Connell, who is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and they are the parents of five children, as follows: Anthony, who is a youth of thirteen; Marguerite a maiden of twelve; Genevieve, who is nine years old; and Gertrude and Dolores, who are six and four years of age respectively. Mr. Lamb belongs to the republican party, served in the office of town clerk from 1906 to 1910 and is acting in that capacity at the present time. He and his family are members of the Roman Catholic church. He was for a number of years a member of the Wisconsin National Guards and a lieutenant of his company at the time when he received his honorable discharge. He is one of the substantial and reliable citizens of Friendship township and is always ready with his cooperation in the furtherance of any public measure intended to be of educational, religious and business service to the community in which he lives.

HORACE E. WHITTAKER.

Horace E. Whittaker is one of the well known and prosperous farmers of Fond du Lac county where he is successfully engaged in the operation of a stock farm of two hundred acres located in Byron township. He was born in the town of Byron, June 4, 1886, and is a son of Horace E. and Belle (Treleven) Whittaker. The father was a native of Liberty, Sullivan county, New York, and the mother of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and they became the parents of two children: Elmer H., who married Miss Barbara Sweet, of Fond du Lac; and Horace E., who is the subject of this sketch. The father passed away in 1887.

Horace E. Whittaker was educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac, and after having passed through the lower grades was graduated from the high school of that city. He afterward completed a course in the agricultural depart-

ment of the Wisconsin University at Madison, being graduated with the class of 1906. At the age of nineteen years he took complete charge of a farm of two hundred acres on which he makes a specialty of raising pure blooded Aberdeen Angus stock, and in that business he has been very successful. His herd at present consists of seventy head of registered cattle, and in the operation of his place he requires the use of six horses. This large stock farm he succeeds in operating with the additional help of one man whom he employs the year through.

Mr. Whittaker is a republican and a member of the Episcopal church. His stock farm, which is one of the well known places in Fond du Lac county, is among the best conducted of its class.

MICHAEL J. HINZ.

High in the list of Fond du Lac county's successful and efficient agriculturists, stands the name of Michael J. Hinz, who owns and operates "Evergreen Farm," which contains one hundred and ninety-two acres of land, and is one of the model farms in this section of the state. Thoroughness united with capably organized and intelligently directed activities has been the dominant factor in the success of Mr. Hinz, who is a practical man and never dissipates his energies but concentrates his efforts upon the achievement of a well defined purpose which he earnestly pursues.

He was born in Germany, on the 3d of May, 1857, and is a son of Gottfried and Augustina (Ertmann) Hinz, who passed the early period of their domestic life in the fatherland. They emigrated to the United States with their family in 1862, locating in the vicinity of Marquette, Green Lake county, where the father subsequently purchased two hundred acres of land. He cultivated this place with a fair measure of success until 1871, when he disposed of it and invested the proceeds in a farm in Winnebago county, where he continued his agricultural pursuits until his death in 1886, at the age of sixty-seven years. He is survived by the wife who has attained the age of ninety years and still has full command of her mental faculties and enjoys good health. She is active and takes great delight in her flower garden in which are to be found an endless variety of blossoms well known fifty years ago, but seldom seen today. Mrs. Hinz is the mother of nine children, four of whom are residing in this state. Since the death of her husband she has made her home with her son Michael J.

Michael J. Hinz has but vague and indefinite memories of his childhood home in Germany, as he was a lad of only five years when he sailed for America with his parents. He acquired a good, practical education in the common schools of Green Lake and Winnebago counties and while engaged in the mastery of the fundamental principles of English learning was qualifying himself for the heavier duties of life by assisting his father about the farm. His responsibilities in this connection were increased as his strength developed and long before he had attained his majority he was doing the work of a man. Reared in a home where much stress and true valuation were laid upon the qualities of thrift, diligence and honesty in the acquirement of success, he developed into a man of earnest purpose and definite aim as is evidenced in his daily life. After the death of his father he purchased the old homestead in Winnebago county, in the cultivation of which he engaged until 1906, when he disposed of it and bought his present farm in Ripon township, this county. During the intervening years, Mr. Hinz has made many changes in his place, which have greatly enhanced the value and appearance of the property. He is a very progressive man and a strong advocate of intensive rather than extensive farming. His

fields are carefully tilled and fertilized in strict accordance with the methods of the modern scientific agriculturist, and are kept in a high state of productivity by a systematic rotation of crops. There are no better cereals produced in this section of the state than are raised on his farm, and at the grain show held at Winneconne he was awarded the first prize on his barley, oats and wheat, and at the Fond du Lac county fair last year his sons received the first prize on their corn. In connection with his general agricultural pursuits, Mr. Hinz engages in breeding and raising high-grade stock, making a specialty of Guernsey cattle. He owns one of the finest registered bulls in the county and ships his cattle all over the country to stock breeders and raisers. He is extensively engaged in dairying and maintains a herd of about twenty-five cows, meeting with as pronounced success in this as in other lines of his business. He is a man of marked capability, unremitting diligence and persistent endeavor and whatever he engages in, is accorded his full powers and best efforts, as he feels that anything which is deserving of his attention is worthy of his highest exertions.

On the 27th of November, 1883, Mr. Hinz was married to Miss Matilda Meyer, who was born in Germany on July 28, 1865. In 1868 she came to America with her parents, who located in Rosendale, this county. There she was reared to womanhood, acquiring her education in the schools of Oshkosh. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Hinz numbers eleven, all of whom are living at home with the exception of the two eldest sons, who are married and have established homes of their own. In order of birth they are as follows: Albert, Arthur, Helen, Nora, Clara, Otto, Meta, Eldor, Rupert, Esther and Alta. They have all been given the advantage of good educations, the sons being graduates of the agricultural department of the State University at Madison. Two of the daughters are teaching school, while some of the others have specialized in music and are qualified to teach this art.

The family are members of the German Lutheran church, in the work of which they take an active interest, Mr. Hinz having on various occasions been identified with its official life. He is public-spirited and takes a deep interest in political affairs, although he is not a party man but gives his support to the men and measures he deems of greatest benefit to the general welfare. Mr. Hinz is one of the substantial and highly prosperous men of Ripon township. The progress and development of which he has materially aided during the period of his residence through his competent and capable method of conducting his own interests. His farm is one of the most attractive in the community as well as one of the most profitable. The residence is a large, comfortable country house, the appearance of which is much improved by the well-kept and tastefully arranged grounds surrounding it. His barns are large and commodious, while his outbuildings are substantially constructed and kept in repair. Everything about the place manifests the exercise of good judgment, competent supervision and a careful regard for details in its operation, and to these must be attributed in a large measure much of the success which has attended its owner.

HUGH SCOTT, M. D.

Dr. Hugh Scott is now living retired in Fond du Lac county after many years of successful practice along professional lines. His experience dates back to the time when the family doctor was a pioneer in the community and when a life devoted to medicine meant a career of hardship and weariness, filled with patient service and rewarded by the friendship and gratitude of patients. Dr. Scott was born in Scotland, on September 1, 1832, and is a son of James and Anna Belle Scott. His father was a shepherd in his native country and died in

1866 at the age of sixty-five years. He and his wife were the parents of six children, Hugh, Margaret, Christina, Ann, John and Mary.

Dr. Scott was educated in the public schools of his native country and was graduated from the Edinburgh University with the degree of M. D., in 1859. He practiced his profession in Scotland until 1863, when he made the journey to America and settled in Chicago. There he engaged in general medical practice for twenty-six years and built up a large clientage and was extremely successful during that period. Dr. Scott is a physician who regards his profession as a high and sacred calling and who has devoted his life to the service of his fellowmen. He is known as the father of training schools for nurses and has the distinction of having opened, over forty years ago, the first institution of this kind in Chicago. He brought to the practice of his profession an exhaustive knowledge of its details and an intelligent and unprejudiced mind, combined with a broad humanity which made him a successful practitioner in days when a physician was also a servant of the people. After his long career in Chicago, he removed to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1889, and spent four years in that city. In 1893 he came to Fond du Lac, where he has resided since that time. He was as successful in this city as he had been in his previous places of residence and his practice increased greatly every year. Patients who came to him once were drawn to him by his evident knowledge of the matter in hand, his thorough understanding of their necessities and sufferings and his undoubted ability as a physician. He is now living retired in a beautiful home situated in the midst of five acres of land in the town of Fond du Lac.

Dr. Scott's first marriage was to Miss Margaret Moore, a native of England, who died in 1892. Later Dr. Scott was again wedded, his second wife being Miss Ida B. Caldwell, of Fond du Lac. She died in 1898, and some years subsequently Mrs. Helen Treleven became his wife. Dr. Scott is the father of two sons by his first union: James, who now makes his home in Chicago, Illinois; and John H., of Hammond, Indiana.

In his political views Dr. Scott is consistently republican but has never taken a very active part in public affairs and has never sought office. While he was a resident of Chicago, he took an intelligent interest in the efforts of that city to promote its public health and served as a member of the board of health there for four years. In this capacity he did remarkably efficient work, and his term of service is still remembered in Chicago. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church of Fond du Lac. He is now eighty years of age and can look back upon a long life of service in the cause of humanity. He brought to the practice of his profession rare talents, an efficient education and conspicuous ability, and in his fifty-three years of active practice these powers have never been unworthily used.

LOUIS J. FELLEENZ.

When in the battle of life the city boy crosses swords with the country lad, the odds are against him. The early rising, the daily tasks, the economical habits of the country boy prepare him for the struggle that must precede ascendancy. Louis J. Fellenz is numbered among those who, born and reared to farm life, have established their worth in the city, gaining for himself a creditable position in the legal profession in Fond du Lac. His birth occurred on a farm in Ashford township, a half mile west of Campbellsport, November 29, 1882. The paternal grandfather always remained a resident of Germany but the grandmother, following his demise, came to the new world and settled in Washington county, Wisconsin, spending her last days in the township of Kemaskum, where she died when more than eighty years of age. She had four sons, who died in

Germany, while Mathias Fellenz of this family, and the father of Louis J. Fellenz, came from his native kingdom of Prussia to the new world. His boyhood and youth, however, were spent in Germany and his education was there obtained. The business attractions of the new world brought him to America and he settled first in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, but afterward removed to Washington county, where he engaged in farming. He was twice married. In Washington county he wedded Miss Altenhofen, who died leaving a daughter, Mary, now the wife of John Opgenorth, a prominent farmer of the township of Kemaskum. For his second wife Mathias Fellenz chose Susan Beringer, who was born in Luxemburg, Germany, a daughter of John P. and Margaret (Laurant) Beringer, who were natives of the fatherland but were of French descent and whose last days were spent in Germany. Following his second marriage Mathias Fellenz returned with his family to Fond du Lac county in 1879 and improved a farm in Ashford township, upon which he reared his children. He was long well known in connection with agricultural pursuits there, continuing his labors in that locality until death called him in May, 1897, when he was sixty-seven years of age. His second wife died January 2, 1908, also at the age of sixty-seven years. In their family were seven children who are living: John C., a resident of New London, Wisconsin; Margaret, who is principal of the school at Theresa; Caroline, the wife of Charles Fleischmann, of Campbellsport; Rose, at home; Catherine, the wife of Dr. H. J. Weld, of Campbellsport; Henry M., a practicing attorney of Fond du Lac; and Louis J., of this review. They also had two children, who died in childhood.

Louis J. Fellenz, spending his youthful days on his father's farm in Ashford township, early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He attended the country schools and for a time was a pupil in the public schools of Campbellsport. Later he became a student in the Oshkosh Normal School, which he attended for two and a half years, completing his studies there by graduation in the class of 1902. He afterward engaged in teaching for two years, spending one year in a district school and the second year as assistant principal of the high school at Princeton, Wisconsin. He regarded this work as an initial step to a professional vocation, for it was his desire to enter upon the practice of law and with this purpose in view he matriculated in the law department of the University of Wisconsin. He is numbered among its alumni of 1907, and in the same year, following his admission to the bar, he began practice at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, where he remained for two and a half years. He then came to Fond du Lac, where he has since practiced. Although one of the younger members of the bar he has gained a reputation which many an older practitioner might well envy, and if energy and industry can win success, it will be his.

Mr. Fellenz has many friends in the fraternal associations with which he is affiliated, his membership being in Fidelity Lodge, No. 9, K. P., and in the Elks lodge. His study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give his support to the republican party.

FRANK WILLIS.

Frank Willis is the son of English parents. By his industry he is now proprietor of one hundred and eighteen acres of the finest farm land in Fond du Lac county. He was born in England, on July 12, 1888, and is the son of George and Elizabeth (Star) Willis, both natives of that country. His father was a laborer in England and was obliged to work hard to make a bare living. He was the father of nine children: Bessie; Eli; Edward, who died in 1911; George; Arthur; Jessie; Frank, of this review; Albert; and Elizabeth.

Frank Willis received his early education in the public schools of England but his opportunities along this line were extremely limited. He was obliged to lay aside his books at the age of fourteen years in order to earn a living for himself. He worked as a laborer in England for two years and at the age of sixteen left his native country for America and settled in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Here he found employment as a farm hand and worked for five years at the arduous duties which fell to his share. He was shrewd and economical by instinct and saved his money until at the end of five years he was able to purchase one hundred and eighteen acres which constituted the old Ingals place, and in 1909 started life for himself as proprietor of this property. During the three years in which he has operated his farm Mr. Willis has proved himself to be an industrious and able agriculturist. He has made many improvements in the short time and it has been his constant endeavor to operate his enterprise along modern lines. He specializes in the raising of high grade horses and cattle for the market and now he owns some fine stock. He keeps constantly on hand twenty-five head of cattle and four head of horses and is rapidly becoming successful in this line of activity.

On September 23, 1908, Mr. Willis was united in marriage at Fond du Lac to Miss Christina Ferdinand, a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Weber) Ferdinand, prominent residents of that city. The parents of Mrs. Willis were married January 10, 1882, and had five children: Frank S., who married Miss Anna Briti; Jennie, the wife of John Rody; Dorothy, who married John Bower; Christina, the wife of the subject of this review; and Leona. Mr. and Mrs. Willis are the parents of one child, Marie Elizabeth. In his political views Mr. Willis is independent and takes an intelligent interest in public affairs. He belongs to the Catholic church of Fond du Lac, in which faith he was reared.

GEORGE E. DICKINSON.

George E. Dickinson, for eleven years an active and prominent member of the bar in Brandon, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, was born in Waterloo, in the same state, on September 17, 1854. He is a son of George B. and Lovina (Davis) Dickinson. The father was of old Yankee stock and was born near Albany, New York. He first worked along mercantile lines but later in 1857 followed farming for a number of years, engaging in making wagons at the same time. Eventually he abandoned that occupation to operate a general store in Waterloo, Wisconsin. He died in that city in 1886, on a farm which he owned just at the edge of town. He was among the earliest settlers in Wisconsin. When he came from the east to Milwaukee in 1834 there was during the first winter there but one white woman in the city. He was a resident when the first white child was born in Milwaukee and made that city his home for a number of years. He worked upon a boat for his passage from Buffalo to Milwaukee. His wife was a native of Ohio, of Welsh descent on her father's side, while her mother was of Mohawk-Dutch lineage. She lived in Waterloo with her husband for a number of years and died in 1891. They were the parents of six children: Mary, the wife of Thomas Ingle, of Modesta, California; George E., of this review; Frank B., of Everett, Michigan; Lulu E., the wife of O. O. Rolefson, of Dodge county, Wisconsin; and two who have passed away.

George E. Dickinson attended school in Waterloo and supplemented his primary training by a course in the Painesville Business College at Painesville, Ohio. He remained upon the farm until he was twenty-four years of age but eventually, in 1879, went to Stone Bank, Waukesha county, where he taught school for one year. He farmed upon a tract of land in Dodge county and was successful as an agriculturist in that section for four years, following farming

in the summer time and teaching school during the winter months. He moved to Jasper county, Missouri, where he taught for two years, and returned to Dodge county at the end of that time. In 1888 he purchased land near Hartford, Wisconsin, and operated his farm in that vicinity for four years. He eventually resumed teaching in the North Ward school in the city of Hartford, where he was principal for three years. He was interested in education and, determining to make himself thoroughly proficient in this line of work, he entered the Oshkosh (Wisconsin) Normal School and took a two-year course in pedagogy. In 1896 he came to Brandon as principal of the public schools and held this position with much success for three years. While teaching he had taken up a law course in the Sprague Correspondence School of Detroit and when he completed his work in 1901 he passed his state examination brilliantly and was admitted to the bar of Wisconsin. He opened an office in Brandon and has carried on a successful general law practice since that time. He is recognized as a strong and able practitioner and has remained always a close and earnest student of his profession. He prepares his cases with care and precision and has been connected with some of the important local cases in his district. He carries on an insurance and loan business in connection with his law practice and this branch of his activities has also proved successful. He is a man who, without special educational or financial advantages, has made himself a force and an influence in the legal circles of Brandon.

Mr. Dickinson was married on May 28, 1878, to Miss Fannie A. Donaldson, a daughter of William A. and Mary A. (Hart) Donaldson. Her father was a native of Vermont, of Yankee lineage, and followed the trade of a machinist during his life. His wife was a native of New York state and was also of New England descent. Mrs. Dickinson's father enlisted in the Civil war in a Pennsylvania regiment. His wife came west and located in Illinois, whence she later removed to Hartford, Wisconsin, and she died in Brandon in 1899. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson has been born one son, A. Roy, a farmer of Fond du Lac county. He married Miss Nina B. Hitchcock, of Brandon, and three children were born to their union: Lorna Belle, whose birth occurred on June 23, 1908; a child who died in infancy; and George E., who passed away on September 23, 1911, when a year and a half old.

Mr. Dickinson is a republican in his political beliefs and has served at different times in various local offices. He was village clerk of Brandon for six years and justice of the peace for four years. He is now serving in the latter capacity and does able and efficient work. He belongs to Brandon Camp, No. 3237, M. W. A., but this forms his only fraternal affiliation. He is a self-made man with all the energy, will power and dominant force of personality which belongs to his class. He has worked ably and well, influencing his destiny by his honorable character, and now when he has achieved success has attained with it prominence and esteem which are an evidence of the firm foundation upon which he has constructed his house of life.

JAMES RICHARD SALES.

Cattle and horse-raising is rapidly becoming an important industry in Fond du Lac county and is the principal cause of the success and prosperity of many of the residents of that district. James Richard Sales does a flourishing business along this line in connection with his general farming and is one of the successful men in the agricultural field in Fond du Lac county. He was born in Ireland, on March 16, 1859, and is a son of John and Jane (Bruce) Sales, natives of that country. His father was born on the 17th of March, 1835, and spent some years in Ireland. He was married in his native country but came to America

on July 4, 1861, working as a lumberman after coming to this country. He lived in New York until 1863, when he came to Fond du Lac to work in the lumber mills. He and his wife were the parents of two children: Henry, who died in infancy; and James R., the subject of this sketch.

James Richard Sales was educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac county but laid aside his books at the age of sixteen to take a position in a lumber mill. Here he worked until he was eighteen years of age, when his family moved upon the Sexsmith farm at Waupun and remained there for three years before they returned to Fond du Lac. Mr. Sales worked at farming in the employ of others until 1898. He had saved his money and in this year was able to buy eighty acres of the finest land in Fond du Lac county and has been active in its cultivation since that time. He has made a success of his farming and has carried it on along progressive and scientific lines. He gives his personal attention to its details and has built up and developed his holdings to a remarkable extent in the fourteen years of his occupancy. He makes a specialty of the breeding of Holstein cattle and has a herd of sixteen head of pure breed. He also is active in the breeding of thoroughbred horses and keeps eight pure-blooded animals on his farm. He has been successful and owes his prosperity to his thorough knowledge of his business and his attention to the matter at hand.

Mr. Sales was married in Empire, Wisconsin, to Miss Paulina Maney, a daughter of Joseph Maney, a stone mason and bricklayer of Empire. Her parents were prosperous farming people of that place and acquired extensive property in the northern part of Wisconsin. The father died in 1887 at the age of sixty-one years, and the mother, May (Ceis) Maney, survived him until 1892. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are still living: Robert, John, Eliza, Paulina and Clara. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sales have been born eight children, five of whom still live: Eva G., who married Freeman Roblee, of Lamartine, by whom she has four children, Isabella P., Dorothy M., James F. and Edward F.; Eleanor E.; Edward J.; Esther J.; and Olon J.

In his political views Mr. Sales is a republican but has never sought public office. His interest in the cause of education led him to accept the position of treasurer of the school board and he did remarkable work in this capacity for three years. He is a member of the Methodist church and is today one of the prominent and able men of Fond du Lac county. He has a scientific knowledge of the care and breeding of stock and his prosperity is based upon his thorough efficiency.

JACOB THOMSEN.

Early realizing that industry and perseverance constitute the basis of all honorable success, Jacob Thomsen has depended upon those qualities to bring him to the creditable position which he occupies in business circles of Fond du Lac. He is president of the Thomsen Decorating Company, to which is accorded an extensive patronage, owing to the excellence of their work and the promptness with which orders are dispatched. He was born in Holstein, Germany, in the city of Brunsbuettel, October 3, 1837, a son of John Thomsen and a grandson of Matthias Thomsen, who were natives of Germany. The latter was a carpenter by trade and he married Miss Margaret Kruse, by whom he had four children, John, Henry, Detleff and Hans Frederick. The father of these children passed away at the age of seventy-seven years. His son John Thomsen learned and followed the carpenter's trade. He was twice married, his first wife being Anna Severin, also a native of Germany and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Severin, who were farming people of that country in which they spent their entire lives. Her father reached the advanced age of ninety

years. He had several children including John, Harder, Elizabeth, Katharina and Anna. The last named became the wife of John Thomsen and died in 1841 when but twenty-six years of age. Mr. Thomsen married again, his second union being with Miss Anna Von Pastel, and they had one son, John Daniel. The two children of his first marriage were Matthias and Jacob.

The latter was reared in the land of his birth, pursued his education there and afterward learned the trade by decorating and papering, serving a regular apprenticeship of three years. It was in 1869 that he bade adieu to friends and fatherland and came to the new world, spending six months in New Holstein, Calumet county, Wisconsin. He then removed to Fond du Lac where he was employed at his trade for a brief period and afterward established a business on his own account in partnership with Adolph Schulte. After two years' connection he bought his partner's interest and conducted the business alone until a recent date when he admitted his children to a partnership. The business was incorporated in 1908 with a capital of seventy-five hundred dollars, the present officers being Jacob Thomsen, president and treasurer; John H. Thomsen, vice president; and Gustav Thomsen, secretary. They do all kinds of painting and inside decorating for houses, churches and other buildings, and they also handle wall paper and painting materials. Their patronage is steadily growing and the volume of their business is now large and gratifying.

Mr. Thomsen was married in Fond du Lac, October 3, 1872, to Miss Carolina Siercks, a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Burnsen) Siercks, who were natives of Germany and became early settlers of Calumet county, Wisconsin. Both died in Fond du Lac when well advanced in years. They had two children who reached adult age, Gustav Henry and Carolina. The latter was born in Calumet county and by her marriage has become the mother of two sons and three daughters: John H., who married Litta Ecke and has two children, Carl and Louise; Marie, the wife of W. R. Plank, by whom she has a son, Lloyd; Emma and Dora, who are assisting their father in the store; and Gustav.

Mr. Thomsen is independent in politics. He belongs to Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., Goethe Lodge, No. 112, I. O. O. F., and the Turners' Society. Both he and his wife attend the Presbyterian church. His long residence in Fond du Lac covered forty-two years and brought him a wide acquaintance and he is regarded here as a most highly respected citizen. In all his business transactions he has been found thoroughly trustworthy and he keeps abreast with the advancement that is being continually made in his line of work, while his salesrooms show the latest styles in wall paper. His decorating work, too, is of a most artistic quality and to him have been awarded contracts for decorating some of the most beautiful homes of Fond du Lac.

AZEL B. HAMILTON.

The death of Azel B. Hamilton in 1878 deprived the legal profession of Ripon of an able and conspicuously successful member. Mr. Hamilton had practiced law in this city since 1861 and had built up a clientage composed of many friends and followers who entrusted their legal affairs to his well tested ability and knowledge. He was born in New York, March 22, 1817, and was a son of Zane Hamilton, a native of Greenbush, New York, who was born there April 25, 1774. Azel B. Hamilton received his early education in the public schools of his native state. He determined to make the practice of law his life work and to accomplish this ambition he entered the offices of his uncle, Judge Hamilton of Schoharie, New York. When he had completed his studies he was admitted to the bar and began practicing as an attorney in the state of Wisconsin. He moved to Ripon in 1861 and was prominently identified with the legal profession



AZEL B. HAMILTON

in this state until his death. In 1846 Azel B. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Caroline C. Mesick, a daughter of Henry I. Mesick. She was born in Albany, New York, in 1822, and is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were the parents of three children: Frank H., who lives in Albany, New York; Henry, who died at the age of thirty years; and Margaret H.

Azel B. Hamilton was active in the practice of his profession up to the time of his death. He became well known in legal and social circles of Ripon as an able lawyer and a genial, kindly and upright man. His life had that usefulness which is inseparable from earnest and successful endeavor and his death was a distinct loss to the legal profession of the state of Wisconsin and to Mr. Hamilton's many loyal friends in Ripon.

MRS. MARY L. KEENAN.

The history of Fond du Lac county contains a record of no man who has done more to promote the agricultural development than has one woman of the district, Mrs. Mary L. Keenan, who is now the owner of one hundred acres of fine farm land and is bringing to its cultivation an instinct for business and an executive ability beyond the common order. She was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, March 20, 1865, and is a daughter of Michael and Rose (Kelly) Corcoran, natives of County Meath, Ireland. Her father came to America in 1848 and her mother one year later. They were married in New York in 1849 and settled in Fond du Lac in 1850. They made the journey to Wisconsin by the Great Lakes to Sheboygan and from Sheboygan to Fond du Lac by wagon. The trip was made under primitive conditions, the wagon was crude in construction and had only dry-goods boxes for seats. Michael Corcoran was a stonemason and bricklayer and built up a very prosperous business along this line in Fond du Lac before he died in 1901. His wife survived him until 1910 when she passed away at the age of eighty-one years.

Mrs. Keenan was educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac but laid aside her text-books at the age of fifteen years to assist her mother in the work of the house. She remained at home until her marriage, on March 12, 1891, Michael E. Keenan, who was born in New York and came to Wisconsin in his infancy. He was educated in the public schools of this state and was an extensive lumber and sawmill proprietor for many years. Upon his marriage he bought one hundred acres of fine farm land in Fond du Lac county and was active in its operation until his death. He was for several years tax collector of this district and did efficient work in that capacity. When her husband died Mrs. Keenan took over the entire management of the farm, giving her personal supervision to the cultivation of the soil and the care of the stock. Her work during the past few years has added materially to the importance of her holdings. She has improved and developed her fields of grain until her harvests are among the most abundant in the district. She has added improved farm machinery and has been interested in every new development along this line. She is one of the most prominent women in Fond du Lac county today and her prominence is the result of her intelligent activity and her shrewd business instinct.

During her husband's life Mrs. Keenan was always interested in the conduct of her home and the rearing of her children. She left the operation of the farm to her husband and occupied herself in many duties incident to her life as a wife and mother. She had six children: John M., who died in infancy; James F. and Thomas C., who are now assisting their mother in the operation of the farm; Mary R., Francis W. and Catherine R., all of whom are living at home. Mrs. Keenan's life is an example of the power of dominating energy and deter-

mination in the shaping of a career. Upon her husband's death she was left to carry on his work and she faced the world cheerfully and hopefully. She brought to the performance of her unaccustomed duties a brave heart and a high courage and her life has been the evidence of her success.

WILLIAM DESTESE.

William DeSteeze is engaged in the real-estate, insurance and collection business in Fond du Lac and in this connection has secured a liberal clientage, energy and determination winning him a measure of success that has placed him in a prominent position in the business circles of the city. Moreover, he is entitled to mention in this volume as one of the veterans of the Civil war and he has a wide acquaintance throughout the state as a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was born in Burlington, Racine county, Wisconsin, April 14, 1850, his parents being Levi and Elizabeth W. (Williams) DeSteeze. The paternal grandfather of our subject died in Tioga county, New York, when past middle age, while his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth DeSteeze, lived to the very advanced age of ninety-eight years. They were parents of thirteen children and the grandfather had been previously married and had twelve children by his first wife. The maternal grandparents of our subject were William and Mary Williams, who came from Wales and settled at Port Byron, New York, where Mr. Williams passed away in middle life, his wife, however, reaching the remarkable old age of one hundred and two years.

Levi DeSteeze was born in Germany and his wife, Elizabeth W. Williams, was born in Wales. After spending his youthful days in his native country, during which time he learned the tailor's trade, he came to America and resided for a time in New York and Pennsylvania. In 1848 he became a resident of Chicago and while there worked on the Illinois canal. He bought two or three acres of land on West Madison street that fronted on Union Park, that section of the city having but few residents. He started a tailoring shop on Lake street near the bridge but his establishment was destroyed in the great fire of 1871, in which he lost all of his property. With courageous spirit, however, he embarked in business again and took a contract for furnishing all the west side firemen with uniforms. For several years he continued in that business and made and occupied a prominent position in the business circles of the city at that day. During the Civil war he had defended the Union cause as a soldier of Company D, Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. As a result of an operation in the Alexian Brothers Hospital at Evanston, he passed away February 13, 1898, which was the day on which the Maine was sunk through Spanish treachery. He was then eighty-four years of age. His wife survived him and died in Plymouth, Indiana, at the age of seventy-eight years. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church and Mr. DeSteeze belonged to the Masonic fraternity. In their family were four children: William; Mary M., the deceased wife of Willard Kingsbury; Florence, who became the wife of Dr. Covert, of Plymouth, Indiana, and has passed away; and Albert, who died unmarried.

William DeSteeze was a lad of nine years when he came with his parents to Wisconsin, the family home being established in Berlin, about 1859. Two years later a removal was made to Fond du Lac county, and they settled in Lamartine township. It was about that time that the father enlisted for service in the Civil war and William DeSteeze, the eldest of the family, engaged for a time in hauling timber. Later he and his mother went to Brandon and on the 17th of March, 1864, he enlisted as a member of Company D, Thirty-Eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. Three times he offered his services to the government before he was accepted. Although he was then but a lad in his teens he had done

considerable drilling with local companies so that he was somewhat acquainted with the orders of war before he engaged in active duty. He participated in the battle of the Wilderness and all of the engagements before Petersburg together with a number of others and he was wounded on the skirmish line at Ream's Station, in Virginia. When mustered out he held the rank of corporal.

When the war was over Mr. DeSteese returned to Fond du Lac to which place his mother had in the meantime removed. He accepted a position as fireman on an engine on the St. Paul railroad and was later promoted to the position of passenger conductor in which capacity he served for thirty-two years. He was a courteous, obliging and popular official of the railroad. When he left that service in 1900 he engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, becoming head of the collection department for H. E. Swett, with whom he remained nine years. On the expiration of that period he was elected city comptroller for a two years' term at the end of which time he reentered the real-estate, insurance and collection business. He is accorded a good clientage in this connection and is doing a business which is satisfactory and gratifying.

On the 17th of January, 1872, Mr. DeSteese was married to Miss Mattie Coon, a daughter of Abraham and Esther Coon, who were early settlers of Fond du Lac and here spent their remaining days. They had a family of seven daughters and four sons, including Mrs. DeSteese, who was born in this city. The only child of her marriage is a son, Harry, who is conducting an electrical business in New York city. He married Mable Dunwodie and they have one son, Harry Guy DeSteese.

Mr. DeSteese is prominently known in various fraternal connections. He belongs to Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., Darling Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M., Fond du Lac Commandery, No. 5, K. T., Kilbourn Council, No. 9, R. & S. M., and Wisconsin Consistory, No. 1, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rites. He also holds membership with the Order of Railway Conductors, being past chief conductor of division No. 46, at Milwaukee. In 1890 when he was transferred to the railroad here he joined the Business Men's Association and has been an active member thereof ever since. His name is on the membership rolls of Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 57, B. P. O. E., in which he is a past exalted ruler and also a past district deputy of the state. He maintains an active interest in military affairs and with his old army comrades through his membership in E. A. Brown Post, No. 130, G. A. R., of which he is a past commander, and with the Sons of Veterans Camp. Few men of his years can claim a record as a soldier of the Civil war. The same spirit of loyalty which characterized Mr. DeSteese in his boyhood days and prompted his enlistment in the Union army has been manifest throughout his life and in all matters of citizenship he stands for improvement and progress.

WILLIAM NINNEMANN.

William Ninnemann is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and thirty-six acres in Ripon township, where he engages in general agricultural pursuits and dairying. He is one of the enterprising and capable citizens Germany has furnished the United States, his natal day having been August 26, 1870. His parents were Karl and Augusta (Neils) Ninnemann, who passed their entire lives in the fatherland.

Reared in a home of limited circumstances, William Ninnemann was given but few advantages in his youth. He received a common-school education and when little more than a child began earning his own living. Feeling assured that he would find better opportunities in the new world than in the old, he, with his wife, took passage for the United States at the age of twenty-four years.

The family came direct to Ripon, Mr. Ninnemann's entire capital consisting of ten dollars upon his arrival. He was very fortunate in immediately securing work as a farm hand and he encountered no particular hardships. He continued to follow his occupation for eight years thereafter, and by the practice of diligence and thrift, during that time accumulated sufficient money to begin farming for himself. For seven years he rented a place near Ripon, in the cultivation of which he met with such success, that at the expiration of that period he bought the farm he now owns. Since acquiring this property he has worked tirelessly in his endeavor to further improve and cultivate it, and that his efforts have been well directed is evidenced by the general appearance and condition of his buildings and fields. He plants his land to such crops as are best adapted to the soil, and he keeps a small herd of dairy cows. He has every reason to feel gratified with the success he has made since locating here, as it is in every way highly creditable, and a tribute to his enterprise and energy.

In Germany on the 30th of March, 1893, Mr. Ninnemann was married to Miss Auguste Mueller, whose parents are now residing on a farm at Rosendale. Mr. and Mrs. Ninnemann have eight children, all of whom were born in Fond du Lac county. In order of birth they are Walter, Edwin, Fred, Frank, Esther, Ruth, and William and Lily, who are twins. They are all at home and have been given the advantage of a common-school education.

The parents and elder children are members of the Evangelical church at Ripon. Mr. Ninnemann enjoys the full rights of citizenship, giving his political support to the republican party. He is deserving of much commendation for the position he has attained in the community, as he began his career in this country practically empty-handed, and is now numbered among the substantial citizens and capable agriculturists of Ripon township.

JONAS RHODES LONGLEY, M. D.

Dr. Jonas Rhodes Longley, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Fond du Lac since 1907, maintains offices at No. 40 South Main street and has his residence at No. 60 East Follette street. His birth occurred in North Platte, Nebraska, on the 17th of July, 1879, his parents being Fifield and Anna Elizabeth (Rhodes) Longley, the former a native of Solon, Maine, and the latter of Somers, Wisconsin. William Jonas and Caroline (Routan) Rhodes, the maternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of New Jersey and early settlers at Somers, Wisconsin. William J. Rhodes followed farming and stock-raising and owned many sheep and fine horses. He was also a prominent factor in public life and for several years served as a member of the state legislature. Both he and his wife passed away at Somers, Wisconsin, when well advanced in years. Their children were five in number, William, Anna, Mary, Catharine and one who died in early life.

Fifield Longley, the father of Dr. J. R. Longley, was reared in Maine and worked in a sawmill as a boy. Subsequently he entered Bowdoin College and later studied medicine, being first graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati and afterward from the Keokuk Medical College of Keokuk, Iowa. After leaving the last named institution he entered the government employ as internal revenue collector in California and opened the first land office in western Nebraska. Eventually he settled down to the regular practice of his profession at North Platte, where he has since remained, enjoying an enviable reputation as a successful and able physician. His high standing in the profession is indicated by the fact that he is now serving as president of the Lincoln County Medical Society. For a time he held the office of postmaster at Blair, Nebraska.

Jonas Rhodes Longley was reared in the place of his nativity and completed a course in the high school of North Platte in 1896, while in 1902 he was graduated from the University of Nebraska, in which institution he had served as assistant chemist. After leaving the university he became a registered pharmacist and for one year was engaged as mining chemist at Deadwood, South Dakota. Subsequently he attended the University of Chicago and also Rush Medical College, graduating with the degree of M. D. in 1906. He then spent a year and a half as interne in St. Elizabeth's Hospital of Chicago and in 1907 opened an office at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he has since been engaged in the active practice of medicine, enjoying a gratifying and constantly increasing patronage. In the line of his profession he is connected with the Fond du Lac County Medical Society, the Wisconsin State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, thus keeping in close touch with the progress which is being continually made by the medical fraternity. In addition to his private practice he also ably discharges the duties devolving upon him as local surgeon for the Soo line.

On the 27th of June, 1911, Dr. Longley was united in marriage to Miss Juanita Belle Murphy, a native of North Platte, Nebraska, and a daughter of Emery W. and Annie (Sutherland) Murphy, who were born in Iowa and Canada respectively. The parents of Mrs. Longley, who reside at Marengo, Iowa, have six children, namely: Juanita, Emery, Waugh, Beatrice, Hazel and Jane.

In politics Dr. Longley is a staunch republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Fidelity Lodge, No. 19. He is a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa and Alpha Theta Chi, college fraternities. He holds to high ideals in his profession, is conscientious in the performance of his daily duties and in his ministrations to the sick he proves that his knowledge is of a practical as well as comprehensive nature.

JOHN DYER, SR.

In a small but fertile valley on section 24 of the township of Byron is located the finely cultivated farm of John Dyer, Sr. Mr. Dyer has the distinction of being the oldest pioneer settler in that district, but is still active in the management of his seventy acres of farm land. He is seventy-seven years of age, his birth occurring in Ireland, April 15, 1835, and is a son of John and Nora (Leonard) Dyer, both natives of Ireland. They were married in that country and came to America in 1836. They landed in Boston, where they remained for twelve years and at the end of that time journeyed westward and located in Fond du Lac county in the township of Byron. Here the father bought the seventy acres of land on section 24 upon which his son is now living, and was active in their cultivation until his death in 1891. He was the father of eight children: John, the subject of this review; James; May; Martin; Patrick; Catherine; Andrew; and Michael.

John Dyer was educated in the public schools of Boston, Massachusetts, but laid aside his books at the early age of fifteen years and assisted his father until 1862. In that year he enlisted in Company K, Twentieth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served during the remainder of the Civil war. He was present at many different engagements and was active in the battle of Mobile, Alabama. In 1865 he was mustered out with honorable discharge and returned immediately to Byron township where he has resided ever since. He has given his entire time since the close of the war to the cultivation of seventy acres of land. He has made many improvements upon his property and has become successful and prosperous during the years.

Mr. Dyer was married in St. Patrick's Catholic church of Fond du Lac, to Miss Mary A. Halpin, a daughter of Francis and Bridget (Geelan) Halpin, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father was born in County Meath in that country in 1812 and came to America when he was nine years of age. He died in 1892 in Fond du Lac township, at the age of eighty years. His wife left her native country for America when she was fifteen years of age and died in Fond du Lac township when she was sixty-five. Mr. and Mrs. John Dyer are the parents of six children: John F., who married Miss Rose A. Flood; James H., who wedded Miss Nettie Forrester; Martin S.; Phillip L., who married Miss Christina Karst; William L.; and Eugene E., who lives with his father and is active in the management of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer and their family are members of the Catholic church and in politics Mr. Dyer is a democrat, conversant with the history of his party and loyal to its principles. Mr. Dyer is now seventy-seven years of age, a genial and happy-hearted man who has given his life to the improvement and development of Fond du Lac county and who is now enjoying the fruits of his labors.

AUGUST C. DALLMANN.

August C. Dallmann is president of the Dallmann-Cooper Supply Company, of Fond du Lac, dealers in builders' supplies and manufacturers of elastic roof paints, structural iron paints, etc. The continuous growth of the business has extended over ten states and made it one of the leading industrial enterprises of this city. In its conduct Mr. Dallmann shows marked energy and enterprise. He is one of Wisconsin's native sons, his birth having occurred in Waterloo township, Jefferson county, May 26, 1858, his parents being August and Christina (Kaiser) Dallmann, both of whom were natives of Prussia, Germany. The paternal grandfather, August Dallmann, was a soldier of the German contingent in the Napoleonic War of 1812. Both he and his wife died in Germany, in which country they spent their entire lives. They had three children: August; Yetta, who is deceased; and one, who is living in Janesville, Wisconsin. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Dallmann was Fred Kaiser, also a soldier in the Napoleonic wars at the beginning of the nineteenth century. He married Christina Sabel and both died in Germany. They had three children, Christiana, Dorothy and Fred.

August Dallmann, the father, spent his youthful days in the fatherland and became familiar with agricultural pursuits. The opportunities of the new world attracted him, however, and in 1856 he sailed for America, settling in Waterloo township, Jefferson county, Wisconsin. There he worked as a farm hand until his labors had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a tract of forty acres. At length, he removed to Dodge county, settling in the township of Portland where he acquired a large farm of one hundred and eighty-two acres and there he died in 1896, when in his sixty-sixth year. His widow still survives him and is now more than eighty-three years of age. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran church. The father had been a soldier of the regular army while in Germany and his bearing suggested his military spirit and experiences. He never sought to figure prominently in public life in this state, yet served as supervisor when in Portland township. His genuine personal worth commended him to the confidence and good-will of all, and his wife, too, was respected by all who knew her. In their family were four children, two of whom reached adult age, August C. and Ferdinand.

August C. Dallmann was about thirteen years of age when he removed to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and upon his father's farm there he spent the period of his minority, working in the fields when not occupied with the tasks of the

schoolroom. He attended the district schools and for a short time was a student in the Northwestern College at Watertown, Wisconsin. He started in the business world as a traveling salesman for the firm of Roper & Ferry, of Watertown, dealers in agricultural implements, and for thirty-eight years he remained upon the road as traveling representative for different houses. He was a most successful salesman and his geniality made him popular wherever he went. He has made his home in Fond du Lac where in connection with E. F. Cooper he organized the Dallmann-Cooper Supply Company, which was incorporated in 1900, for the sale of builders' supplies and for the manufacture of elastic roof paints, structural iron paints, etc. Their business extends into ten different states and is constantly growing. Their patronage is already extensive so that their annual sales have reached a large figure.

Mr. Dallmann has been married thrice. In 1888 he wedded Miss Lena Meink, a daughter of William and Yephtha (Hart) Meink. There were two children of this marriage: Guy, who is acting as bookkeeper for the Dallmann-Cooper Supply Company; and Arthur, who is also employed by the firm. The wife and mother died in 1892 and in 1894 Mr. Dallmann wedded Emma Koehne, a daughter of Wilhelm and Wilhelmina Koehne. Mrs. Emma Dallmann passed away in 1906, at the age of forty-seven years, leaving a daughter, Leona. In October, 1910, Mr. Dallmann married Eleanor Applegate, daughter of Houston and Mary Louise (Anderson) Applegate, who were natives of Ohio and early settlers of Iowa. Her paternal grandparents were James and Eleanor (Dennison) Applegate and her maternal grandparents were Andrew and Eleanor Anderson.

In his political views Mr. Dallmann is a republican and in 1896 was elected county treasurer in which position he creditably acquitted himself. He has never, otherwise, sought public office. He belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran church. His fraternal relations consist in membership in Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., and Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 57, B. P. O. E.,—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct.

MICHAEL BOHAN.

Michael Bohan has been successful in the cultivation of seventy-eight and one-half acres of Fond du Lac county land and has been prominently identified with agricultural interests in this section of the country since 1884. He was born in Byron township, February 11, 1856, and is a son of Peter and Alice (Heenay) Bohan, both natives of Ireland. His father left his native country when he was a young man and crossed the Atlantic to America at an early date. He took up a homestead claim in Wisconsin, built a log cabin on his holdings and spent his life in the improvement and cultivation of the soil. He died in 1894 in the eighty-fifth year of his age. His wife, also a native of Ireland, left that country when she was very young and settled in Fond du Lac county where her marriage occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohan became the parents of seven children: Mary; Catherine; Elizabeth, who died in 1882; Michael, the subject of this review; John E.; Ann; and one who died in infancy.

Michael Bohan was educated in district school No. 5, Byron township, and studied until he was sixteen years of age. He spent some time assisting his father with the work on the farm and gained valuable personal experience in the details of agriculture. When Peter Bohan retired from active life in 1884 his son, Michael, assumed the entire management of his holdings and has directed, controlled and operated the farm since that time. He now owns a highly

developed tract of land of seventy-eight and one-half acres with modern equipment, fine barns and outbuildings. He has erected a beautiful and comfortable home upon his farm, equipped with every new idea in house furnishings, and here he and his family reside. Mr. Bohan is well known socially in Byron township and his pleasing qualities of mind and heart have gained for him hosts of friends in his native district.

In 1885, Michael Bohan was united in marriage to Miss Katie McDonald, a daughter of Martin and Rose McDonald, farming people and pioneer settlers of Dodge county. To Mr. and Mrs. Bohan six children have been born: John, Frank, Alice, Mary, Michael Jr., and Florence, all of whom are residing with their parents on the home farm.

Mr. Bohan gives a general political allegiance to the democratic party but reserves his right to independence of thought in this respect. He has served two years as supervisor and was road commissioner for fifteen years. He is interested in the cause of education and is a member of the school board. He was treasurer of this organization for twelve years and did efficient, capable, and honest work in this office. Fraternally he holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America but beyond this has no connections of this kind. He is a regular attendant of the Roman Catholic church of Byron and a devout adherent to its doctrines. Mr. Bohan has lived his entire life in Byron township and is now at the age of fifty-six years one of its best known and most widely popular residents. His life in all its various relations has been worthy, honorable and upright and his success has been the natural outcome of his concentrated industry and his broad intelligence.

HENRY L. LAMB.

The Lamb family has been represented in Fond du Lac county for more than sixty-seven years. The work of civilization had scarcely begun in this district when Peter Lamb took up his abode here. He was a native of Ireland, reared in that country, where he married Marguerite Crowley. The favorable reports which he had heard concerning the new world, led him to the determination to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic and in 1845 he made the long voyage on a sailing vessel. After landing on American shores he proceeded into the interior of the country to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin which was then largely wilderness. He secured some timber land and began cutting away the trees and grubbing the stumps. Much arduous labor was necessary to convert the tract into a productive farm but with unfaltering determination he continued in the work to the time of his death, which occurred about 1892. His wife long survived him and died in 1911. He was at one time school superintendent and was interested in many practical projects for the welfare of the community.

His son, Henry L. Lamb, was born on the old family homestead in the town of Friendship and under the parental roof he remained throughout the period of his boyhood and youth. His experiences were such as were usual with boys of his period and his home training developed in him a spirit of industry, enterprise and self-reliance. He has always been a farmer and for sixteen years has owned the place upon which he now resides. He has made it one of the attractive features of the landscape, having made a large number of improvements thereon. He has divided his farm into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, has supplied large barns and sheds for the protection of grain and stock and has secured the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of fields.

Henry L. Lamb was married at his present home, in 1911, to Miss Anna Heller. He belongs to the Church of the Presentation, adhering to the Catholic faith in which he was reared. His stanchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood, showing that his has been an upright and honorable life worthy of the esteem of those with whom he is brought into contact.

AUGUST F. MIELKE.

August F. Mielke is one of the well known business men of Waupun, where he is engaged in the coal and wood business, his yards being among the largest of their kind in that city. He was born August 23, 1865, in Posen, Germany, and is a son of William Henry and Wilhelmina (Kasemann) Mielke, both of whom were natives of Germany and there celebrated their wedding. In 1866 William Henry Mielke emigrated to America, settling on a farm in the township of Ripon, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he established his home and lived for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mielke ten children were born: Julius, who resides at Fox Lake, Wisconsin; Julia, who married August F. Schultz, of Trenton township, Dodge county, this state; August F.; William H., who died in Trenton township at the age of thirty-five years; John F., who makes his home in Trenton township; L. Herman, of Waupun; Emma, the wife of Paul Ahnert, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Carl, who passed away at the age of two years; Bertha, of Waupun; and Alwine, the wife of I. Thomas Schuppert, of Waupun.

August F. Mielke was reared in his parents' home and completed his elementary education in the public schools at the age of sixteen years. He then engaged in work on a farm and in that employment continued for a period of nineteen years. In 1900 he moved to Waupun and for the following three years was engaged in the machinery business. At the end of that time he sold his interest in the business to Henry Landaal and immediately established himself in the coal and wood business, in which he has since continued and has met with gratifying success.

Mr. Mielke was united in marriage on the 13th of March, 1890, to Miss Mary Haase, a daughter of Charles and Wilhelmina (Wetzel) Haase, both of whom were natives of Germany and emigrated to America, settling on a farm in the township of Lomira, Dodge county, Wisconsin, in 1860. To Mr. and Mrs. Mielke three children have been born: Laura, born January 24, 1891; Anna, who was born on the 10th of March, 1893, and is attending the high school; and Dora, born August 7, 1898. Mr. Mielke and his wife and family are members of the German Lutheran church of Waupun. He is one of the well known and respected citizens of Waupun and a man always to be counted upon to do his part to advance the best interests of the community in which he lives.

ARTHUR J. KREMER.

Arthur J. Kremer is a member of the firm of Kremer Brothers, furniture dealers of Fond du Lac, who conduct the largest establishment of this character in the city at Nos. 36, 38 and 40 North Main street. The three brothers, Arthur J., Edward A. and Berthold J. Kremer, also conduct a drug store in Fond du Lac under the name of the Kremer Drug Company. Arthur J. Kremer was born in New Cassel, Wisconsin, on the 11th of February, 1870, his parents being James and Susan (Husting) Kremer, both of whom were natives of Luxem-

burg, Germany. When fourteen years of age James Kremer accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in New Cassel, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. There he grew to manhood and learned the harness maker's trade, which he followed until within a few years of his death. After the death of his mother he and his father, Anton Kremer, took up their abode in the city of Fond du Lac, where he spent the remaining years of his life, passing away in 1890 at the age of fifty-three. Both James Kremer and his wife were devout communicants of the Catholic church. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom grew to maturity in this county, namely: Edward A.; Arthur J.; Hugo J. and Oscar J., both of whom are now deceased; and Berthold J.

Edward A. Kremer wedded Miss Josephine Serwe, by whom he had six children, as follows: E. Eugene; Margaret; Marie; Frances; Josephine, who is deceased; and Paul. The father of this family has served in the capacity of city treasurer for two terms. Arthur J. Kremer married Miss Anna Leitenberger. Hugo J., who passed away in April, 1911, had married Miss May Parker, of Duluth, by whom he had one son, John P. Oscar J., whose demise occurred in August, 1911, had married Miss Frances Trier and was the father of one daughter, Elizabeth. Berthold J. Kremer wedded Miss Esther Gardner, by whom he has three children: William, Susanne and Helen.

It was in 1905 that Arthur J., Edward A. and Berthold J. Kremer established their furniture business in Fond du Lac at Nos. 36, 38 and 40 North Main street, where they occupy two floors and basement. They carry an extensive stock of all the modern styles of furniture and their store is up-to-date in all its appointments. Theirs is the largest exclusive furniture establishment in Fond du Lac and would be a credit to a city of metropolitan proportions. The Kremer brothers have lived in this county nearly all their lives and enjoy an enviable reputation as men of excellent business ability and unassailable integrity.

OTTO F. ZIMMERMAN.

Otto F. Zimmerman has been conspicuously identified with dairy and farming interests in Fond du Lac township for many years. He was born in Ashford, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, on the 23d of March, 1859, and is a son of Ferdinand and Augusta Zimmerman. His father was born in Germany in 1822 and came to Wisconsin in 1850 where he bought forty acres of uncultivated land. He cleared his holdings of timber and built a log cabin in which he resided for some time. Otto F. Zimmerman was born in this house, where the family lived until 1870 when the father built a modern residence in Ashford, where he lived until the time of his death in 1897. He gave up active business life in 1894 and spent his last years in honorable retirement. He and his wife became the parents of eight children: William M., who married Miss Annie Robertson and who now lives in Taycheedah, Wisconsin, with his wife and four children; Matilda, the wife of Richard Brightengross, of Fond du Lac, by whom she has ten children; Gustave, who married Ida Keen, and who makes his home in Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he resides with his wife and two children; Henry, who wedded Miss Matilda Baumhardt, by whom he has ten children, all of whom are living with their parents in South Dakota; Otto F., of Fond du Lac, who married Miss Julia Rucks, by whom he has seven children; August, who was united in marriage with Miss Louise Hebner and who is now living in Milwaukee with his wife and three children; Lizzie, who became the wife of Ernest Bixby, of Ashford, Wisconsin; and Emma, the wife of Gustavus Kastan, of Milwaukee.

Otto F. Zimmerman was educated in the public schools of Ashford and pursued his studies through the different grades until he was fourteen years of age. He then laid aside his books and assisted his father with the work of the farm for five years. At the end of that time he journeyed westward to Washington where he remained for eight years engaged in the cultivation of the soil. He returned to Fond du Lac for his marriage in 1890 but went back immediately to the west where he operated a general store and a farm for five years. In 1895 he again returned to Fond du Lac county and worked at farming in the employ of others until 1899 when he bought his present tract of land and has been extremely successful in its operation since that time. His farming is done along carefully planned and scientific lines and it is his constant endeavor to keep his agricultural knowledge abreast of the modern discoveries. He has recently made his dairy a special feature of his farm work and has built up an extensive trade in its products. He owns a very prosperous milk route and the number of his patrons is increasing steadily. His dairy is kept scrupulously clean and it is furnished with every modern sanitary equipment. Mr. Zimmerman gives his personal attention to this department of the business and its rapid increase has justified the time and attention which he has given to its development.

On the 24th of January, 1890, Otto Zimmerman was united in marriage to Miss Julia Rucks, a daughter of Paul and Julia Rucks, prosperous farming people of Fond du Lac county. Mrs. Zimmerman's father was a native of Germany where his birth occurred in 1839. He came to America in 1866 and settled in Fond du Lac county where he bought forty acres of land. He improved his holdings and constantly added to them until upon his retirement in 1907 he was the proprietor of two hundred and forty acres of improved Wisconsin farm land. Mrs. Zimmerman's mother was also a native of Germany and was married in 1860. To Mr. and Mrs. Otto Zimmerman have been born seven children, Otis, Henry, George, Carl, Ernest, Conrad, and Elmer.

Politically Mr. Zimmerman is a staunch democrat and has always voted for the principles and policies of his party. He is a member of the school board and served as treasurer of that organization for three years. He was active for a similar period of time as road superintendent and in this capacity did excellent and enduring work. He is a member of the Lutheran church of Fond du Lac. He is a successful and prominent man in this section of the country and has done much in the course of his life to promote the development and growth of the state of Wisconsin by adding to his individual progress.

WILLIAM H. FISCHER.

William H. Fischer, residing at No. 99 Harrison place in Fond du Lac, has served as city detective for the past six years. His birth occurred in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, on the 26th of March, 1864, his parents being William and Hannah (Gessert) Fischer, both of whom were natives of Beuern, Germany. His paternal grandparents, Henry and Annie Marie (Borbie) Fischer, emigrated to the United States with their family and settled in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Henry Fischer reaching an advanced age. Their children were as follows: William, Henry, Christ, Paul, Anna and Mary. Conrad and Charlotte (Loubenstein) Gessert, the maternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of Germany and became early settlers of Sheboygan county, this state, where they passed away at an advanced age. Conrad Gessert was an agriculturist by occupation. To him and his wife were born Hannah, Lena, Fred, William and Adam Gessert.

William Fischer, the father, was seventeen years of age when he came to this country, locating in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where he grew to manhood, was married and reared his children. He followed farming until 1877 and spent the remainder of his life as a hotel proprietor at Plymouth, where his demise occurred in 1891, when he had attained the age of fifty-eight years. His religious faith was that of the Lutheran church, while his political allegiance was given to the democratic party. For a number of years he served as marshal of Plymouth. He was twice married, his second union being with Miss Mary Keenan, by whom he had one son, Albert, who is a resident of Plymouth. Unto William and Hannah (Gessert) Fischer were born thirteen children, six of whom survive, as follows: William H., of this review; Theresa, the wife of William Brechtel, of Marinette, Wisconsin; Elizabeth, the wife of John Bertche, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Louis, who is a resident of Plymouth, this state; Emma, the wife of Bert Metzger, of Plymouth; and Robert, living in Sheboygan.

William H. Fischer was reared to manhood in Plymouth, this state, and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. After putting aside his text-books he learned the butcher's trade in Milwaukee and also followed that occupation in Plymouth for a short time. In 1892 he came to Fond du Lac and here he worked at his trade for a time. For the past twelve years, however, he has been on the police force and for six years has held the office of city detective, discharging his duties in this connection in a highly satisfactory and commendable manner.

On the 7th of June, 1885, Mr. Fischer was united in marriage to Miss Emma Horst, a native of Chilton, Calumet county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of John and Louisa (Knabe) Horst, both of whom were born in Germany. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Knabe, were early settlers of Calumet county, where they passed away at an advanced age. Their children were five in number, namely: Louisa, Anna, Amelia, Gustav and another daughter. The parents of Mrs. Fischer also took up their abode among the early settlers of Calumet county, this state. Unto them were born four children, as follows: John; Gustav; Minnie, the deceased wife of Henry Kruge; and Mrs. Emma Fischer. John Horst, the father of Mrs. Fischer, died in Chilton when still a comparatively young man. His widow afterward married again, becoming the wife of C. F. G. Wernicke, by whom she had four children, Alfred, Fred, Ida and Agnes. Mrs. Louisa Wernicke was called to her final rest in 1909 at the age of seventy-two years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fischer have been born five children, as follows: Walter L., who is a machinist by trade; Della, who resides at home; Lulu, who passed away at the age of five years; and twins who died in infancy. The parents attend the services of the Methodist church. Mr. Fischer gives his political allegiance to the democracy, while fraternally he is identified with the Eagles. He has many friends in Fond du Lac county, among whom he is highly esteemed and respected.

WILLIAM McFARLAND.

William McFarland has been prominent in agricultural circles of Fond du Lac for over a quarter of a century but has now sold his holdings with the exception of a small farm on section 23, where he is living in well earned retirement after an active and useful life. He was born in the township of Eden, Fond du Lac county, on June 27, 1853, and is a son of George and Esther L. (Somes) McFarland. His father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to America in 1832. He was a quarryman in his native country but when he located in Wisconsin he bought a tract of land in Eden township and engaged

in agriculture until his death, on February 9, 1865. His wife was a native of Greene county, New York, and is still living in California at the age of ninety-two years. Mr. and Mrs. George McFarland were the parents of ten children: Emeline, who married Christopher Temple, a prominent farmer of Fond du Lac, and passed away in 1910, leaving five children, Fannie, Carrie, Hattie, Bertie and Charles; Phebe, the wife of Henry Hamilton, a land speculator of California, by whom she has five children, Henry, George, Frank, Albert and Wilhelmina; George, of California, who married Miss Helen Moody, by whom he had two children, only one of whom, Hattie, is still living; Charles, a successful fruit grower of California; Lucy, the wife of Martin Marcuson, who was formerly a sailor but is now engaged in the cultivation of fruit in California; William, of this review; John, a practicing physician in Centerville, Iowa; Lorenzo D., the owner of a California fruit ranch; Wilbur, who died in early childhood; and Elmer, now engaged in the livery business in Springfield, Minnesota.

William McFarland was educated in the district schools of the township of Eden but laid aside his text-books at the age of sixteen years. He immediately took charge of the farm which had been left to his mother upon his father's death and was active in its operation until his retirement in 1908. After a few years he purchased the old homestead from his mother and cultivated the soil for himself until 1908, when he sold his holdings and moved to the town of Fond du Lac. During the long period of his activity as a farmer Mr. McFarland was remarkably successful. He improved the soil along scientific agricultural lines, added extensively to the buildings upon his land and installed improved machinery. He cultivated his holdings to their highest point of efficiency and productiveness and gave his personal attention to the details of the work.

In 1888 Mr. McFarland was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Stoldt, a daughter of Henry and Johanna (Hansen) Stoldt. Mrs. McFarland died in May, 1890, leaving two children: Nina, who died February 13, 1912; and Lela, who is now living with her father. Mr. McFarland gives his political allegiance to the republican party and served as district clerk of Eden township for several terms. He is not affiliated with any fraternal association, preferring to keep himself entirely independent of such organizations. He holds membership in the Baptist church of Fond du Lac county. Mr. McFarland gained his success comparatively early in life and was enabled to retire when he was fifty-seven years of age, his prosperity having come rapidly although it was the natural result of his remarkable industry and his many talents. He is now living on a small farm on section 23, near Fond du Lac. He is well known in social circles of Fond du Lac as an upright and honorable man and he has many friends in this district by whom he is respected and esteemed for his strict integrity and his worthy life.

JAMES LAMB.

For a half-century, or the entire period of his life, James Lamb has been a resident of Fond du Lac county and has made his home in the town of Friendship, where his birth occurred in 1862. He represents one of the old pioneer families, and his parents were Nicholas and Anna (McDermott) Lamb, natives of Ireland. The father came to Fond du Lac county in 1845 and the tract of land upon which he settled was wild and unimproved, but with characteristic energy he began to clear away the trees and brush and converted the wilderness into productive fields. Year after year this labor was carried on with good results, Nicholas Lamb continuing to engage in general farming to the time of his death, about twenty years ago. He was interested in the welfare of the com-

munity and for one term served as school clerk. His wife long survived him and passed away about 1910.

James Lamb spent his boyhood and youth on the old homestead, early becoming familiar with the work of the fields and the best methods of caring for crops. The summer months he largely devoted to farming while the winter seasons were given by him to the acquirement of an education in the district schools. He never sought to withdraw from active connection with the occupation in which he was reared. On attaining his majority he resolved to make farming his life work and he now takes care of eighty acres of land which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and on which he has made many modern improvements. His farm work is conducted along progressive lines and the sale of large crops each year brings to him a substantial income.

In his political views James Lamb has always been democratic, stanch in his advocacy of party principles yet never seeking office. He was reared in the Catholic faith and is a member of St. Patricks church. He is well known as a member of one of the old families of the county and the work begun by his father in pioneer times has been continued by the son with the result that he is now the owner of an excellent farm, highly improved, and his labors are an element in the agricultural progress of this part of the state.

JOSEPH HUTTER, SR.

Joseph Hutter, Sr., is the president of the Hutter Construction Company, doing a leading contracting business in Fond du Lac. Many of the most beautiful and important structures of the city stand as monuments to his skill and ability and his business has increased with the passing years until it is now one of large volume. Mr. Hutter was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 17, 1848, and is a son of John and Barbara (Bendel) Hutter, who were natives of that country. The father was there reared and there learned the weavers' trade. He came to America with his family in 1854 and after living for a year in New York removed westward to Sauk county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming. Death called him in 1898 when he was eighty-four years of age. Long before he had lost his first wife. They were the parents of a large family of whom four reached adult age: Andrew and John, both deceased; George, who is living in Spring Green, Wisconsin; and Margaret, of Waterbury, Connecticut. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hutter married Barbara Bendel and they had three children: Michael, a resident of Iowa; Joseph; and Gustina, the wife of Louis Bettinger, of Spring Green, Wisconsin.

Joseph Hutter was but six years of age when brought to America by his parents and upon his father's farm in Sauk county he was reared, dividing his time between the work of the fields, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. He lived at home until he had attained his majority and was then married. In 1871 he came to Fond du Lac county, settling in Mount Calvary in Marshfield township. There he learned the masons' trade, working for one firm for five years. He then started in business for himself and for the past thirty-five years or more he has engaged in contracting. His position as one of the foremost contractors of the county is indicated in the large number of substantial and beautiful buildings which he has erected in Fond du Lac. He has built thirty churches, including St. Joseph's Catholic church and chapel. He was also the builder of the high school, the Henry Boyle Theater, the Commercial National Bank, Armory E, the Catholic Home for the Aged, St. Agnes Hospital, St. Agnes Convent, St. Mary's Springs Academy, Grafton Hall, the Sisters of the Nativity Home, Bishop Grafton's library and chapel, and many

other important buildings together with school buildings, stores, residences and all the public garages of the town.

On the 19th of September, 1869, Mr. Hutter was married to Miss Barbara Prounold, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was a little maiden of ten or twelve years when brought to America by her parents, George and Barbara Prounold, who settled in Sauk county, whence they removed to Fond du Lac county about 1880. They took up their abode at Mount Calvary where the father died at the age of eighty-four while the mother reached the age of seventy-eight. Their children were: Sebastian, Mary Barbara, Bernhard, Kate, Gusta, and Ignatius, who is a priest near Milwaukee. Mr. and Mrs. Hutter had thirteen children. Mary is the wife of Nicholas Schmitz and has a daughter, Delphina. Frances, who was a sister in the St. Agnes Convent, died at the age of twenty-four years. John, who married Hannah Miezen, of Mount Calvary, is a contractor and builder. Christina is a sister in St. Agnes Convent. Joseph, who is in partnership with his father, married Anna Waldenbach and they have two children, Oliver and Adolph. Anna is at home. Kate is the wife of John Broker, living at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and they have two children, Leo and Corinne. Rose is the wife of Edward Noon, of Muskogee, and has one living child, Francis. Ignatius, Albert and George are in partnership with their father. Two of the children died in early life. The mother, Barbara (Prounold) Hutter passed away in April, 1912. The family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church in which faith they were reared. Mr. Hutter belongs to the Knights of Columbus, to the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, and St. Joseph's Benevolent Society. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, but he never seeks nor desires office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He thoroughly mastered his trade, became an expert workman and by reason of his business and executive ability was enabled to enter and win for himself a creditable position in the contracting field. Thoroughly advanced in the great mechanical and scientific principles which underlie his work and appreciative of that which is artistic in design and coloring, he has erected for the city some of its finest and most useful buildings.

JOHN JAMES GREEN.

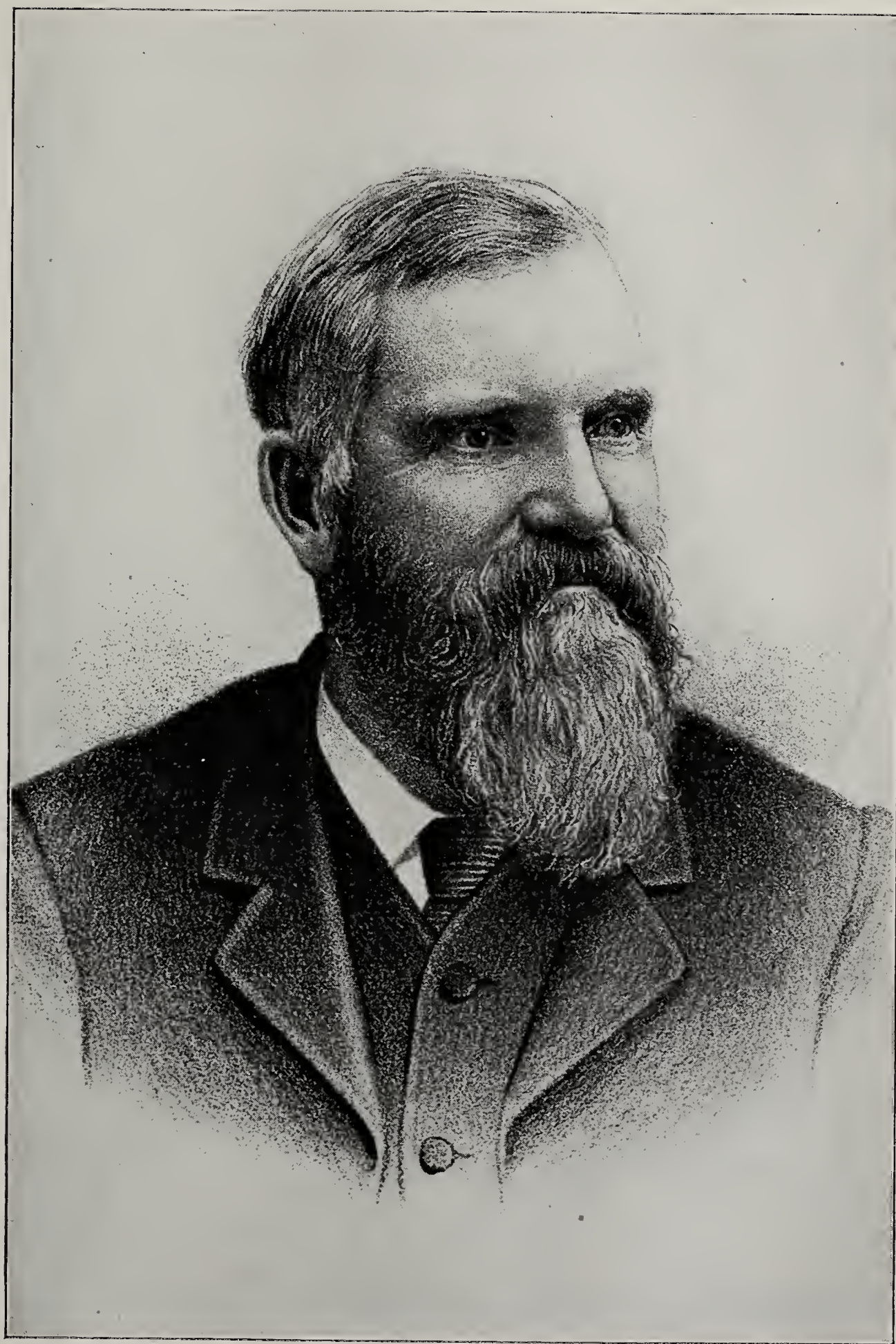
John James Green, living in Fond du Lac township where he owns twenty-four acres of the finest land for farming and dairying purposes in the district, is interested in the raising of high-grade cattle. He was born in the town of Byron, February 14, 1862, and is a son of Michael and Sarah (Lane) Green, both natives of Ireland. The father came to America in 1852 and settled in Baltimore in the following year. He remained in that city until 1858, when he came to Wisconsin and settled in Fond du Lac township, where he bought forty acres of land and cultivated and improved it until the time of his death, in 1865, when he was thirty-five years of age. He and his wife were the parents of four children: Mary E.; Katie, who married Thomas Irving, a prominent railroad man of Fond du Lac, who died on August 9, 1904; Sarah M., the wife of Michael Morrison, a molder of Milwaukee; and John James, of this review.

The last named was educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac township and completed his studies at the age of fourteen years. He assisted upon the home farm, learning practical details of agricultural life, and later assumed the management of the homestead and the direction of the farm, and has been very successful in his efforts since that time. He engages in general farming on the twenty-four acres of land which he owns on section 36 and has been unusually successful in all the various departments of agriculture.

Politically Mr. Green is entirely independent of party lines and policies, preferring to keep his judgment unbiased and his mind unprejudiced. He is deeply interested in anything which pertains to the welfare of his native section and has served with great ability and efficiency as road commissioner. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church and his religion influences his daily life. His work in the line of activity upon which so much of the prosperity of the state of Wisconsin depends has been continuous and capable and his success is the prosperity of a man who has given his life and his most earnest endeavors to the promoting of the agricultural development of his section.

EDWIN ABEL CAREY.

Edwin Abel Carey, deceased, was for more than forty years identified with the growth and development and leading business, commercial and financial interests of the city of Fond du Lac. His birth occurred at Bergen, Genesee county, New York, on the 16th of February, 1830, his parents being William and Polly Ann (Wilcox) Carey. William Carey was a native of Pennsylvania and in the early days of his manhood he removed to Bergen, Genesee county, New York, where he established himself in the grain and grass trade, in which he was engaged continuously for some years thereafter. He removed with his family, in 1845, to Fond du Lac, reaching that place by way of Milwaukee, thence by wagon over the old Watertown road, and on his arrival he purchased a farm near the site upon which later the city of Fond du Lac was built. He established his residence in what is now known as the Fond du Lac House, a building which at that time had been erected by the government and used as a government station on the military road between Forts Howard and Winnebago. He made his settlement in this county in the month of May, 1845, and, being a man of unusual intelligence, with large business capabilities, he applied himself to the planning of a home for himself and family, the realization of which he was not permitted to enjoy, his death occurring on the 29th of March, 1846. He was a democrat in his political convictions, that party at that day being the dominant national organization in control of the offices of the federal government. During his residence in the state of New York he was appointed by the president as chief of the United States census bureau for Genesee county, in which he lived. His wife survived him for many years and died at her home in Fond du Lac on the 1st of March, 1866. She was a woman distinguished for her earnest Christian character and both she and her husband were charter members of the Presbyterian church of Fond du Lac. To Mrs. Polly Ann Carey belongs the distinguished honor of having prepared the elements for the first communion of the local society of that denomination in Fond du Lac. At the time of William Carey's death no public cemetery had been established in Fond du Lac and he was accordingly buried upon his own farm but later his remains were moved to the Fond du Lac cemetery immediately following the incorporation of that association. He had been united in marriage, in the state of New York, to Miss Polly Ann Wilcox, by whom he had eight children. Kirtland emigrated to California at an early day, during the gold excitement in 1849, making the journey by way of the Isthmus of Panama. Having contracted the isthmus fever, he died in San Francisco one week after his arrival in that city. Edwin Abel, of this review, was the next in order of birth. William, who wedded Miss Charlotte Winans, was a dry-goods merchant of Adrian, Michigan, where he passed away in April, 1888. Elizabeth is the wife of H. K. Laughlin, at one time a prominent dry-goods merchant of Fond du Lac. Austin, who died in the fall of 1909, was a successful dry-goods merchant of Adrian, Michigan. Clarissa is the wife of J. B. Perry, of Fond du Lac. Two children of the family died in infancy.



EDWIN ABEL CAREY

Edwin Abel Carey was reared in his father's home and received his early education to the age of twelve in the public schools of the district in which he lived. With his parents he removed to Wisconsin, settling with them in Fond du Lac in May, 1845. His first year was spent in work upon his father's farm and the following year he obtained a clerkship in the general store of Clock & Weikert, remaining with this establishment for several years thereafter, during which time he devoted a part of his attention and means to the support of his mother and the younger members of the family, having as well a general oversight of the family estate. In 1849 he was employed as salesman in the lumber yard of Curt Lewis in Fond du Lac and in 1852 he established himself in the omnibus line business of that city and in this venture he was singularly successful. In addition to his interests in the bus line he also was engaged in the business of general contracting. Early in the year 1861 Mr. Carey formed a copartnership with his brother-in-law, H. K. Laughlin, under the firm name of Laughlin & Carey. This company engaged in the general retail dry-goods business in Fond du Lac and the phenomenal success which attended the united efforts of Mr. Carey and his partner soon made their establishment one of the best known and leading merchandising houses in this portion of the state at that time. Their retail sales in one year, notwithstanding the sparsely settled surrounding country and the meager population of the city of Fond du Lac, approximated the large sum of two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. This establishment continued to do a successful and growing business for many years after its organization, Mr. Carey retaining his interest in the business until 1879. During that year, on account of failing health, he sold his entire holdings in the business to his partner, H. K. Laughlin, and soon thereafter became a stockholder in the Fond du Lac Iron Company, of which later he became the general manager and treasurer. For many years previous to 1880 Mr. Carey had been known as one of the conservative, successful and wise business men of his section and in that year he was elected to the board of directors of the First National Bank and later to the office of vice president in 1883. At the time of his assuming official duties in that banking house A. G. Ruggles was its president and upon his death, in 1888, Mr. Carey was chosen as his successor, a responsible position in which he served with great acceptability during the many years of his incumbency of that office. In August, 1885, he formed a copartnership with H. M. Kutchin and under the firm name of Kutchin & Carey the company acquired a lease of the Palmer House, the largest and most pretentious hostelry of Fond du Lac. Entering upon the possession and operation of the property at once, the firm continued active in business until July, 1886, when Mr. Carey purchased the interests of Mr. Kutchin and became thereafter the proprietor and general manager of this hostelry. In the year 1889, upon the expiration of the lease, he purchased the property, the original cost of which, in real estate, buildings and equipment, was ninety thousand dollars. Having now acquired ownership to this advantageously located property, he at once effected necessary and elaborate improvements in the way of costly decorations and high-grade upholstery furnishings and soon after the house became widely known as being one of the most modern and best conducted hotels outside of Milwaukee in the state of Wisconsin.

Mr. Carey was first married on the 15th of December, 1852, choosing as his partner in life Miss Mary Taylor, a daughter of Hon. J. M. Taylor, who at that time was one of the most prominent of Fond du Lac citizens, having served for three terms as mayor of that city. Mrs. Mary Carey was a native of Vergennes, Vermont, and in early life removed with her parents to this county in 1849, passing away in 1884. On the 29th of April, 1886, Mr. Carey wedded Mrs. Kittie McCall, the surviving widow of Captain James McCall, who is said to have been the first man to enlist for the Civil war from Fond du Lac county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCall were born two children: James E.,

who suffered death by accident, having been run over by a locomotive in Milwaukee; and Louisa, the wife of Joseph Sandford. Mrs. McCall Carey, the second wife of Edwin Abel Carey, passed to her reward in the land beyond on the 16th of March, 1889. On the 8th of July, 1890, Mr. Carey was united in wedlock to Miss Caroline F. Lessenyoung, whose birth occurred in Osceola township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, at Armstrong's Corners, on the 27th of December, 1860, her parents being Nicholas and Mary (Koch) Lessenyoung. Her paternal grandparents were Peter and Elizabeth (Schlim) Lessenyoung. Her maternal grandparents were William and Clementine (Luecking) Koch. The former was three times married. Nicholas and Mary (Koch) Lessenyoung, the parents of Mrs. Caroline F. Carey, were both natives of Germany, the former born in Luxemburg and the latter in Westphalia. They emigrated to America in a very early day, settling upon a farm in the township of Osceola, Fond du Lac county. Later they removed to the township of Brothertown in Calumet county, where they continued to live until the time of their death, Nicholas Lessenyoung passing away in the year 1907 at the age of seventy-four. His surviving wife died in 1908 in the seventy-fourth year of her age. They were both loyal and devout members of the Catholic church. Unto them were born eight children, as follows: Mrs. Otto Zipp, now of Merrill, Wisconsin; Mrs. E. A. Carey; Mrs. Jacob Rank, of Hilbert, Wisconsin; Michael J.; Nicholas J.; Mrs. Mary E. Conger, deceased; Mrs. N. Ziegalbauer, of Brothertown township; and Mrs. Delia Thuerwachter, of Calumetville.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Carey were born three children: Harriet M., now a pupil at St. Mary's Springs Academy; Edwin A., in attendance at the public schools; and Louise C., also a pupil in St. Mary's Springs Academy.

Mr. Carey was a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P., and of Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 57, B. P. O. E., and a loyal adherent of the republican party. His long and active connection with the business affairs and public interests of his adopted state and city was brought to a close by the occurrence of his death on October 13, 1910, at the age of eighty years. He was a member of the Episcopal church, while his widow is a devout communicant of St. Patrick's Catholic church. Edwin Abel Carey was a resident citizen of Fond du Lac for a period of sixty-five years and during that long span of time he so lived as to retain the universal respect of all his associates and as an enduring monument to his memory he bequeathed to his family an honored name untarnished by any act of his that would reflect adversely upon his strict integrity or in the least cloud the moral rectitude of his long and useful life.

HENRY J. HEYDE.

Henry J. Heyde has for the past four years been successfully engaged in business as the proprietor of a plumbing and heating establishment at No. 61 North Main street in Fond du Lac. His birth occurred in Mauston, Wisconsin, on the 8th of August, 1874, his parents being Ludwig and Louisa (Schwartz) Heyde, both of whom were natives of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. His paternal grandparents, Joachim and Christina (Bauman) Heyde, lived to an advanced age and reared a large family. Johan Schwartz, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was killed in a railroad accident. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Bertha Prohl, was nearly ninety years of age when called to her final rest.

Ludwig Heyde, the father of Henry J. Heyde, was reared in Pittsburg and there learned the shoemaker's trade. Later in life he took up his abode among the early settlers of Juneau county, Wisconsin, and there he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits with excellent success. His demise

occurred at Delafield, Wisconsin, in 1900, when he had attained the age of eighty years. His wife, who survived him for five years, passed away at the age of seventy-nine. They were both consistent and devoted members of the Lutheran church. Ludwig Heyde participated in the Civil war as a brave and loyal defender of the Union. Unto him and his wife were born six children, as follows: Agnes, who is married and resides in Wausau, Wisconsin; Augusta, who is the wife of John C. Peters, of Marshfield, Wisconsin; Minnie, the wife of Otto F. Peters, of Delafield, Wisconsin; Adelphine, who is the wife of William Schmeichel and resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Charles; and Henry J., of this review.

The last named spent the first twelve years of his life on a farm and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. In 1886, he went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and learned the plumber's trade, which occupation has claimed his time and energies continuously since. While living in Milwaukee, he attended the evening session of a business college for two years. After mastering his trade he traveled as a journeyman all over the United States, Mexico and South America. Returning to the United States, he located in Fond du Lac and became an employe of I. L. Galt, in whose service he remained for ten years. On the expiration of that period he embarked in business on his own account and for the past four years has conducted a plumbing and heating establishment at No. 61 North Main street, where he also has his home.

On the 27th of June, 1906, Mr. Heyde was united in marriage to Miss Lois Pedix, a native of Fond du Lac township, this county, and a daughter of James and Mary (Davis) Pedix. James Pedix, a native of New York, passed away in 1901, when about sixty-five years of age, but is survived by his wife. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Heyde were Richard and Mary Pedix, while her maternal grandparents were William and Eliza (Roberts) Davis. Mrs. Heyde has spent her entire life in Fond du Lac county and obtained her education in the country schools. She is one of a family of five children, the others being Frances, Gwendolyn, Elizabeth and Guy Pedix. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Heyde have been born two children, Russell James and Henry Ralph.

Fraternally, Mr. Heyde is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 30, Encampment No. 15 and Canton No. 17. In the canton he is now serving as sentinel. Both he and his wife attend the Congregational church. His strong and salient characteristics are such as endear him to all who come within the close circle of his friendship, while wherever he is known he is respected and honored.

WILLIAM STEVER.

William Stever has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Fond du Lac county since 1887. He has never owned a farm of his own but has spent most of his active life in carrying on agriculture by working on shares. He has at various periods in his career rented land, developed and improved it and his opinion on all matters relating to the cultivation of the soil has great weight in Fond du Lac township. Mr. Stever is a native son of Wisconsin, having been born in Auburn, May 18, 1856. His parents were William and Anna (Whilhauser) Stever, both natives of Germany. They were married in their native country and settled in Wisconsin about 1854. They were among the pioneers in the city of Kenosha and the father engaged in farming in the outlying districts until his death in 1887. After his settlement in Kenosha, the elder Mr. Stever never changed his place of residence and died upon his original holdings. He and his wife were the parents of five children, Adolf, Henry, William, Lizzie and Minnie.

William Stever received his education in the district schools of Auburn township and pursued his studies until he was about fourteen years of age. In 1869, he laid aside his books to assist his father in the work of the farm and since the death of the latter the son has been actively engaged in farming for himself. He has always worked on shares or as a renter and has never owned a farm of his own. He is now engaged in the cultivation of one hundred and twenty acres of land in Fond du Lac county, where he has resided for five and one-half years. His energies and activities have always been directed along progressive and modern lines. He is a thorough student of the science of agriculture and carries out his modern theories in the conduct of the property which he rents. He is known as a successful agriculturist and as a man well acquainted with the details of modern farm life and his services are always eagerly sought after.

On April 9, 1887, Mr. Stever was united in marriage to Miss Lena Sumerfeldt, and to this union have been born seven children: Ella; Florence, the wife of William McCormick; Henry; Clarence; Edna; Ralph; and Ruth. Mr. Stever is a republican in his political affiliations and a consistent believer in the policies of that party but beyond voting the republican ticket upon national and local issues he takes no very active part in public affairs, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his farm work. He holds membership in the German Lutheran church. Mr. Stever's life has been entirely devoted to agricultural pursuits. His ideas of agriculture are progressive and scientific and his experiments all terminate successfully. He is one of the many men in Fond du Lac county whose exertions and intelligent activities are doing so much to promote the development of the agricultural resources in the section in an efficient and prosperous way.

THOMAS D. GENGE.

Thomas D. Genge exemplifies in his career his possession of those organizing and constructive talents which are necessary to the development and upbuilding of industrial life. He is at present proprietor and active manager of the Ripon Roller Mills, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the county and under his management its business has increased and the quality of its work improved to a remarkable degree. He was born in England on December 9, 1876, and is the son of Thomas and Emily Genge. His father was a farmer in England.

Thomas D. Genge received his early education in the public schools of England and supplemented this by one year in a Ripon school. In 1893 he laid aside his text-books and entered at once upon the milling business, in which he has been engaged all during his active life. He worked for the Plum Creek Mills in Plum Creek, Wisconsin, from 1893 to 1896 and then worked for three years in mill work in Neillsville, Wisconsin. Subsequently he owned or leased mills in other parts of the state until he came, in 1909, to Ripon. He gained a practical working knowledge of the details of the trade and became an expert miller at Plum Creek. When he came to Ripon in 1909, he purchased the Ripon Roller Mills from W. S. Crowther, who had organized the concern in 1892. During the period of Mr. Genge's connection with the roller mills, many modern improvements have been added and new milling equipment has been installed. The capacity is now one hundred and twenty-five barrels a day and even this output is constantly increasing. The mill operates during the entire year and does a large amount of merchant and custom work. It also does a large business in grinding feed for the farmers of Fond du Lac county and this department is rapidly becoming an important part of the business. Mr. Genge has recently improved the water power of the concern by running a thirty-four inch pipe line from the

Ripon Roller Mills to the Gotham mill pond, a distance of about fifteen hundred feet, thereby obtaining a fall of forty-seven and a half feet and consequently increased power. He gives his attention to the various details connected with the operation of his enterprise and the knowledge and experience which he gained in the long years in the milling business are valuable assets to him in the conduct of his institution.

In November, 1906, Thomas D. Genge was united in marriage to Miss Ada F. Cole, a daughter of Francis and Izora L. Cole, of Green Lake, Wisconsin, and they are the parents of one child, Cole Deane, born October 11, 1907. Mr. Genge is a member of the Masonic order, but beyond this has no fraternal affiliations. He is an example of the energetic and prosperous business man who by bending all of his efforts and talents toward the upbuilding of his enterprise is adding materially to the importance and growth of his section of the country.

RICHARD P. LAMB.

A native of the town of Friendship and a man for twelve years prominently identified with its agricultural interests and activities is Richard P. Lamb, one of the progressive farmers of this section of the state. In his comparatively short period of activity along this line he has gained for himself a reputation for honesty, industry and remarkable efficiency which is seldom equalled. He was born in the town of Friendship in 1877, a son of Peter and Marguerite (Crowley) Lamb. He received his education in the district schools of his native town and at an early age learned the contracting business in which he attained a degree of proficiency which made him successful as long as he continued in this line of work. He began his business career as a contractor when he was sixteen years old in 1893 and continued in that business up to the year 1900 when he gave it up to engage in the cultivation of the soil on one of the many fertile farms of that region. From 1900 up to the present time he has given his entire attention to farming and the reward which this line of activity gives to its followers has been his in a remarkable degree. In recent years he has discontinued his personal supervision of the farm and has spent much of his time in traveling. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a firm believer in its principles and policies although he is not particularly active in local political affairs.

Richard P. Lamb is unmarried. He holds membership in St. Patrick's Catholic church of Friendship and is well known in religious circles of the town. The present prosperity of Fond du Lac county is in a large measure dependent upon its agricultural interests which have been for many years important factors in its development and Richard P. Lamb has done more than his share of honest and efficient service in this direction.

ELLIOTT H. YORTY.

In 1889, when Elliott H. Yorty died upon his farm in Metomen township, the agricultural interests of Fond du Lac county lost a conspicuously successful representative and a man who was an influencing factor in making the occupation of tilling the soil honorable and worthy among the activities of man. Mr. Yorty was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania, in 1834 and was the son of Levi and Alpha Yorty, both natives of that state, of Mohawk-Dutch ancestry. The parents of our subject came to Wisconsin in 1848 and located in Rock county. Three years later they removed to Metomen township, Fond du Lac county, where

the father took up land three miles northwest of Brandon and was active in its improvement and cultivation until his death, which occurred in 1874, his wife having passed away in 1867.

Elliott H. Yorty was the third in a family of four children born to his parents. He remained at home until he reached manhood and from an early date was identified with the operation of his father's farm. He spent some years engaged in this line of occupation but in 1869 came to Brandon, where he entered the lumber business in partnership with his brother, Andrew J. Yorty. His business discrimination, his unquestioned honesty and his appreciation of local economic conditions made him immediately successful and his prosperity had a firm foundation in his perseverance and well centralized labor. In 1880, however, he abandoned the lumber enterprise with which he was connected in order to resume his agricultural operations upon his father's farm. He was successful in this as he had been in his previous activities. He cultivated the soil, following modern and progressive standards, improved the property and made it productive to its highest point by planting always the most suitable grains. He made his home upon the farm until his death, which occurred in 1889.

On September 3, 1884, Mr. Yorty was united in marriage to Miss Ida Jenkinson, a daughter of Robert and Lucy (O'Connor) Jenkinson, the former a native of Montreal, Canada, where he was born October 16, 1833, and the latter of Jefferson county, New York, where her birth occurred on July 22, 1838. Mr. Jenkinson is of Irish, French and English ancestry and followed farming for a number of years. He is numbered among the pioneer settlers in Metomen township, his residence in that section dating from July, 1845, in which year he located on a farm five miles west of Brandon. His father was also an early settler in Fond du Lac county and in 1852 served as sheriff and two years later was elected county treasurer. Mrs. Yorty's parents left their farm in 1867 and came to Brandon, where they are today residing. In their family were five children: Ida, the wife of our subject; Jasper, who died when he was six months old; Clarence, who passed away in 1885, when he was twenty-four years of age; Mary, who died in 1883, at the age of seventeen; and Nettie, who lives at home and is engaged with her sister in newspaper work. Mrs. Yorty upon the death of her husband came to the village of Brandon, where she is now making her home with her parents. She is one of the most highly esteemed women in the village and her popularity is founded on distinct ability. She has used in her capable operation of the Brandon Times a business discrimination and judicious knowledge of modern commercial methods which make her a constructive and important factor in local development. The paper of which she is now the editor and publisher is the only journal of its kind in Brandon. It was established in 1865 by George M. West, now a newspaper man of Panama City, Florida. In 1871 the paper was published by M. C. Short, who had previously been engaged in journalistic work at Waupun. Mr. Short conducted the enterprise until his death, which occurred in 1894, and in that year Mrs. Yorty's first connection with journalistic work was established. She managed it in the interests of Mrs. Short and for three years was remarkably successful in its conduct. The paper was then sold to Roy Wolverton from whom Mrs. Yorty purchased his interests. She engaged in this line of occupation in partnership with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Jenkinson, and has during the period of her connection with it made it one of the influential and important organs in the county. It is a weekly paper of four pages, eighteen by twenty-four inches, and runs seven columns of news to the page. Mrs. Yorty has the true newspaper instinct. She conducts her enterprise ably and systematically and is successful not only from an editorial point of view but also in a business way. In 1900 she took the United States census for the village of Brandon and the townships of Metomen and Alto and in 1910 she acted in the same capacity in Metomen and Brandon townships. She is a member of the Congregational church of Brandon and her parents are the only living charter members of that organization.

In his political views Mr. Yorty was always a consistent republican and was a man who took an intelligent interest in public affairs, although he was not an office seeker. He was prominent in the Masonic order, holding membership in Brandon Lodge, F. & A. M. His character was marked by an innate honor and integrity, by industry and enterprise and these qualities influenced his career and molded his destiny.

JOHN E. JOHNSON.

John E. Johnson has given his energies and activities since 1904 to the lumber, contracting and building business in Brandon, Wisconsin, and has attained success in that line resulting from his knowledge of commercial conditions and his honorable methods of dealing. He is a native son of Fond du Lac county, having been born in Alto township, July 5, 1873, and is a son of John H. and Christina (Christensen) Johnson, both natives of Sjaeland, Denmark, where the father's birth occurred on February 5, 1838, and the mother's on July 3, 1837. John H. Johnson came to the United States when he was twenty-two years of age and located in Alto township, where he worked in various occupations which would yield him an income. In 1864 he purchased forty acres of land in the same section, to which he added at various times until he owned one hundred and sixty acres in a highly improved and developed state. He sold his property a short time ago to his eldest son and purchased one hundred and forty acres in Metomen township. In 1892 he retired and moved to the village of Brandon, where he now resides. His wife left her native country in 1861 and located immediately in Alto township, where one year later her marriage occurred. She is now residing with her husband in the village of Brandon. While John H. Johnson was a resident of Alto township he took an active interest in educational affairs and for several years did able work as treasurer of the school board.

John E. Johnson remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age. He attended the district schools and also took a course in the Brandon high school. He learned the carpenter's trade and followed that occupation in California, where he remained for three years and a half. When he returned he settled in Chicago and six months later came to Brandon, where he purchased from J. W. Wheeler the lumber business which the latter was at that time operating. To this Mr. Johnson has now added contracting and building and is one of the best known business men in the city. His increasing patronage is a gratifying evidence of his advancing prosperity. His fellow citizens recognize him as a successful man whose active interest in the development of his business is a valuable municipal asset.

In 1897 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Ella Paine, a daughter of Henry and Mary Paine. The father was born in Maine in 1838 and came to Fond du Lac county with his parents. They located on a farm in Springvale township, where he learned the carpenter's trade and to this he later added contracting and building. As a boy he learned the cigarmaker's trade which he followed for some time. He served on the village board of Brandon for several years. He was popular on account of his genial and generous characteristics and his friends were numbered among the representative citizens of his district. He died in Brandon in 1908. His wife was a native of Canada, where her birth occurred in 1848. She came to Wisconsin with her parents who located on a farm in Springvale township. At present she is making her home with her daughter, who lives in California. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born three children: Roland Lester, who was born June 16, 1901; Ella Grace, whose birth occurred in September, 1904, in Pomona, California; and Raymond

Harris, who was born in Brandon, Wisconsin, in September, 1907. Mrs. Johnson has been a resident of Wisconsin for a number of years. She is a graduate of the Brandon high school and later took a business course in a college at Fond du Lac. She taught school in Alto township for one term and is a broadly educated and charming woman. She and her husband are members of the Methodist church.

On political questions Mr. Johnson votes for the man whom he considers best qualified for the office and is at present serving on the village board. He is a member of the Masonic order and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also active in the affairs of the Good Templars. He is one of the stockholders in the Brandon Telephone Company and is always interested in local enterprises. His business success is a direct result of centralized energy and an alert mind combined with an intelligent grasp of local conditions. His prosperity and the methods by which he has attained it make him a representative business man, capable and efficient and of unquestioned integrity.

WILLIAM CHARLES REINIG.

Mr. Reinig is heavily interested in various business enterprises in Fond du Lac. He is the president of the Fond du Lac Malt & Grain Company and one of the directors of the Coles Savings Bank and also the president of the Crescent Motor Company which was incorporated in this city in 1910, with a capital of twenty thousand dollars. The present office and place of business of this company is located at 56 to 60 North Main street. He maintains his residence at No. 137 East Division street, this city. Mr. Reinig was born in Rochester, New York, October 4, 1865, and is the son of John and Rosa (Hartmann) Reinig. His parents both were natives of Germany, his father of Hesse-Darmstadt, and his mother of Alsace-Lorraine. To Mr. and Mrs. Reinig two children were born: William C. and Emma E.

The parental grandparent of William C. Reinig was Phillip Reinig whose wife was Anna Reinig, of the same name but not a relative, both natives of Germany, who many years ago passed away in the fatherland. His maternal grandparents were Frederick and Hannah (Laengricht) Hartmann.

John Reinig, who was the father of the subject of this review, received his education in Germany and, as a boy of fourteen years, emigrated to America, making his residence in New York state at Utica, New York city and Rochester respectively. Here in the Empire state he grew to maturity and during his early manhood became an apprenticed tinner, continuing his occupation in this line until he became a proficient master of his trade, which he followed until about 1890. In the spring of 1866 he removed to Wisconsin and located in the city of Fond du Lac. Here he established himself in the stove and tin business, to which he continued to give his attention until 1890. He then organized the Fond du Lac Malt & Grain Company and was identified with this business enterprise as owner and proprietor until the time of his death which occurred as a result of an accident occasioned by a fall from the roof of his house, on June 22, 1905, from the effects of which he died two days later, on the 24th of that month at the age of sixty-nine years and ten days. He was a member of the Evangelical church and his wife of the Lutheran church of this city.

William C. Reinig has been a resident of Fond du Lac since a child of six months, a period covering nearly forty-seven years. He received his early education in the parochial and public schools of that city and in early manhood he learned the trade of the tinsmith and at the age of eighteen he was engaged in the employ of a wholesale stove concern for three years in the city of Chicago. He then returned to Fond du Lac where he remained for three successive years and

then became an employe of a wholesale hardware concern in Milwaukee, continuing his relation with this house for a period of three years, after which he returned to Fond du Lac and accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of the Fond du Lac Malt & Grain Company. Later he was elected to the responsible position of president of this large business concern, which has an authorized capitalization of one hundred thousand dollars, having been incorporated in 1890.

Mr. Reinig was united in wedlock to Miss Clara Kliefoth, on the 18th day of April, 1906. Mrs. Reinig is the daughter of William and Caroline (Buchen) Kliefoth. To Mr. and Mrs. Reinig two children have been born: Emma Clara and William C., Jr. Mr. Reinig attends the Congregational church and his wife the Catholic church of this city. He is a member of the Fountain Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M., and also a member of the Elks. In politics Mr. Reinig is an enthusiastic and loyal member of the republican party. Mr. Reinig is a man of great energy, being possessed with many attractive qualities. Whatever he undertakes in business or in a social way, he is never known to rest until he has accomplished his undertaking. His personal relation with large business affairs of late years has brought him in contact with many of the representative business men of his state and county, and being still in the midst of a successful business career, he has many years of useful opportunities awaiting him in the future.

FRANK W. ROOT.

Frank W. Root is one of the substantial agriculturists of Fond du Lac township, where he owns three hundred and thirty acres of land, located on section 31. He is very diligent and enterprising and is making marked progress in the improvement and cultivation of his place, which is rapidly developing into one of the model farms of the county. His birth occurred in the town of Forest, this county, on the 19th of January, 1856, his parents being Sylvester and Mary (Newman) Root. They were both natives of St. Lawrence county, New York, the father's birth having there occurred in 1820. When he was twenty-five he came west, locating in Fond du Lac county, where for many years he was engaged in farming, his death here occurring in 1895, at the age of seventy-five. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Root numbered nine, as follows: Martha, the wife of Stephen Patrick, of Fond du Lac, by whom she has had two children; George, a farmer, who married Emma Gibson, and is the father of five children; Newman, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Amelia, the wife of A. F. Ward, who is engaged in the railroad insurance business at Fond du Lac, and the mother of one child; Frank W., our subject; Sylvester, a farmer, who married Julia Hargrave by whom he has eight children; Loren, a traveling salesman, who was married in Illinois and has had two children; and two children who died in infancy.

Reared in the country Frank W. Root passed his boyhood and youth very much as other farmer lads, acquiring his education in the district schools which he attended until he was sixteen years of age. He was already quite familiar with the duties of the agriculturist and for two years thereafter he continued to assist his father. At the expiration of that time he left home and went to work on the farm he now owns. He has led a life of intelligently directed energy and activity and has prospered in his undertakings. He bought his place in 1894, and during the intervening years has made extensive improvements, including the erection of some new buildings and the remodeling and repairing of the old ones. He has installed various modern conveniences about the house and barns and he has an equipment which contains every appliance or implement essential to the agriculturist. He is a very practical man, as is evidenced

by his progressive and systematic methods, everything about his farm manifesting the exercise of competent supervision and capable management in the direction of its operation. In connection with his farming he engages in dairying and has eighty head of cattle and ten horses.

At Fond du Lac on the 22d of September, 1882, Mr. Root was married to Miss Carrie Arthur, a daughter of DeWitt and Louisa Arthur, the father a well known farmer of Fond du Lac township. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Root is as follows: Arthur, Alvin, Ella, Wilbur and Elmer. They are all living at home, the sons ably assisting their father about the farm.

Mr. Root gives his political support to the prohibition party, thus voicing his attitude on the temperance question. He served for ten years each as road supervisor and school director, discharging his duties with efficiency, as is evidenced by the length of his term of office. The family manifest their religious faith through their affiliation with the Methodist Episcopal church. Ever since starting out in life, Mr. Root has been entirely dependent upon his own resources, and such success as he has achieved is the result of his earnest and persistent efforts. He is a man of commendable methods and high principles and is accorded the esteem and respect of his fellow townsmen.

EDWARD ERDMAN.

Edward Erdman, one of the prosperous and enterprising general farmers, stock-raisers and dairymen of Springvale township, was born in Marquette county, Wisconsin, January 1, 1879. He is a son of John and Wilhelmina (Wicher) Erdman, natives of Germany. The father was born May 30, 1838, and spent his childhood and youth in his native land. He was married in Germany and came to the United States in 1870, locating in Marquette county, Wisconsin, where he worked as a farm laborer for a short time. He later purchased eighty acres of land in the same county, which he operated and improved and which he afterward sold in order to purchase another tract of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he is now residing.

Edward Erdman attended the district schools of his native county and began active life for himself when he was thirteen years of age, obtaining employment at that time as a monthly farm laborer and giving his father part of his wages until he was twenty-one years of age. In 1903 he rented one hundred and sixty acres of land and remained upon his property for two years, carrying on general farming and stock-raising. He then went to Ripon, where he rented a farm on shares, coming after four years to Springvale township. Here he rented the Ernst Wohlschlegel farm and upon this he now resides. He carries on agriculture along modern and progressive lines. He is an extensive stock-raiser, dealing in high-grade cattle and horses, and operates a dairy which is an important source of income to him. He has thirteen head of graded Holstein cows for dairying purposes and the products of this branch of his enterprise find a ready sale in the Wisconsin markets.

On October 3, 1904, Edward Erdman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kilbright, a daughter of James and Amanda (Akers) Kilbright. Her father was born in New York state in 1849 and is of Irish ancestry. He came to Marquette county, Wisconsin, where he followed farming for a number of years, later obtaining employment in a stone quarry. He was engaged in this line of work at the time of his death, which occurred in 1904. He was killed by an accident in the quarries. His wife was born in Syracuse, Indiana, in 1855 and comes of German and Irish stock. She died at Montello, Wisconsin, at the residence of her son Mike. Mr. and Mrs. Erdman are the parents of six children: Mary, born June 3, 1905; Irene, born March 21, 1907; Levi Edward and Amanda

Emeline, twins, born January 28, 1908; Elsie, born April 4, 1910; and Alma born July 4, 1911.

In his political views Mr. Erdman is republican and belongs to the progressive branch of that party. He is a member of the Lutheran church of Rosendale and his wife is an adherent of the Roman Catholic religion. His labors have been constructive and have had practical results. He understands the elements of farming, having gained his knowledge by personal experience at an early stage in his career, and upon his efficiency, he has built up a distinct and substantial success.

FRED MILTON MOORE.

Fred Milton Moore resides at No. 261 East Division street, in Fond du Lac, his native city, his birth having occurred December 16, 1870. His parents were Marquis De Lafayette and S. Elida (Thatcher) Moore, natives of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, respectively.

Fred Milton Moore spent his entire life in Fond du Lac and after acquiring his preliminary education in the public schools attended the State University of Wisconsin. He is now assistant secretary of the Moore & Galloway Lumber Company and the president of the Fond du Lac Lumber Company, being thus associated with the industry that for many years has been the foremost source of revenue for this section of the state.

On October 4, 1899, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Josephine Lessie Parker, a daughter of Elijah and Lessie Parker, who were early settlers of De Pere, Wisconsin. In their family were two children, the elder being a son, Bart L. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have three children, Margaret Page, Helen Parker, and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Moore belongs to Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P., and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while in politics he is an independent republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN O'BRIEN.

Enterprising and progressive in his business affairs, John O'Brien, the proprietor of a general mercantile store in Eden, has by the exercise of those qualities won a prominent place for himself in mercantile circles of this community. He was born in Fond du Lac on the 22d of June, 1863, and as the name indicates is of Irish descent. His father, Patrick O'Brien, was born in Ireland in 1829 and in 1851 he came to the United States, settling first in Medina, New York. In 1856 he came west to Wisconsin, taking up his abode in Fond du Lac, and while a resident of that city he worked for the Northwestern Railroad Company. In 1873, however, he took up his abode on a farm which he had previously purchased, and to its development he devoted the remaining years of his life. When it came into his possession the place bore few marks of improvement but he set resolutely to work to convert the land into fertile fields and erected all of the buildings with which it is now equipped. He added many improvements and it was not long before he had brought it under a good state of cultivation. That farm remained his home until his death, which occurred in 1902, and with his passing the community lost one of its well known and highly respected citizens. During his residence in New York he had met and married Miss Mary Fitzgibbons, who was born in Ireland in 1832 and came to the United States

with her mother and brothers. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Brien were born eight children, of whom six are living.

John O'Brien spent the first ten years of his life in the city of Fond du Lac and then went with his parents to the farm which afterward remained the family abode. His education, which had been begun in the city schools, was continued in the country schools near his father's home, and he remained a pupil therein until about seventeen years of age. He then entered Mann's Commercial College of Fond du Lac but at the end of three years was compelled to leave school and return home, as he was the eldest in the family and his assistance was needed in the operation of the home farm. He remained with his father until the latter's death, after which he took charge of the farm, continuing in its active operation until 1909. In 1906, however, he had purchased a general store in the village of Eden, in the conduct of which he is now busily engaged, beside looking after his farm. In 1909 he turned over the management of the home farm of three hundred and eighty acres to hired help and has since that time given his undivided attention to his mercantile interests.

In 1906 Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Mahoney, a daughter of James Mahoney, of Eden, who came to Fond du Lac county in 1846. To this union four children were born, of whom three are living, Mary Katherine, John T. and Helen Elizabeth. James Patrick, the first born, died in 1907 in infancy. In politics Mr. O'Brien is a democrat, but he has never sought to figure in public life, his interests centering in his home and business. He is a man of business capacity and possesses a spirit of enterprise and progress which, guided by sound common sense, has brought him to a position of prominence among the successful and representative men of Eden. Attractive personal qualities have made him popular with a large circle of friends, and he is universally respected and esteemed.

WILLIE T. RUNALS.

Willie T. Runals, who retired from business life in 1889, had previous to this time been a prominent figure in many connections in the city of Ripon. Although he has given up the management of his extensive business his influence is still felt in the commercial circles of the city. He is a director in the German National Bank and takes an intelligent interest in the commercial progress of the community. He was born on the 15th of September, 1849, in Metomen township, and is a son of Edmund L. and Dorlescia (Avery) Runals. Edmund L. Runals, came with his family to Wisconsin and settled in Metomen, in the early '40s. He bought a farm which he managed for many years and also engaged in the practice of law. When he sold his land he moved to Ripon where he followed the legal profession until his death in 1888. In his political affiliations he was a staunch republican.

Willie T. Runals was educated in the public schools of Ripon, left the local high school in 1868 and immediately apprenticed himself to the printer's trade and remained in this occupation for seven years. His first employer was A. T. Glaze with whom he remained for two years. He later entered the employ of George W. Peck and was for one year identified with the Daily Democrat, a New York publication. He spent two and one half years in Chicago in the manufacturing business and then returned to Ripon and engaged in the carriage business for five years but severed his connection with the same to take charge of a farm in Green Lake county. This land he operated and improved for nine years and in 1889 he returned to Ripon, retiring from active life. He is yet a prominent figure in the financial affairs of the city, being a director in the German National Bank, one of the largest institutions of its kind in Ripon. He

also is treasurer of the Ripon Telephone Company and he is interested in the North Dakota Telephone Company. His realty holdings include large tracts in the state of Washington planted as apple orchards.

Willie T. Runals was united in marriage to Miss Mary S. Warner, a native of Chicago, Illinois, and they are the parents of six children: Dora E., who lives at home; Edward L., who died at the age of fourteen; Clara L., Guy W.; Irene, a student at the Wisconsin State University in Madison; and William T., who resides with his parents at Ripon. Mr. Runals is prominent in the Masonic order and has taken the thirty-second degree in that organization. He belongs to Chapter No. 30, R. A. M., holds membership in the Berlin Commandery, Knights Templar, and Tripoli Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Milwaukee. He is one of the prominent and well known men of Ripon and has gained a reputation for intelligent interest and cooperation in the welfare of the city.

JOHN KIND.

John Kind is one of the prosperous merchant of Van Dyne, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. He was born near Ripon, Wisconsin, in 1855, and is a son of Charles and Rose Mary Kind, both of whom were natives of Germany and who emigrated to America in 1849. John Kind was reared in his parents' home near Ripon, Wisconsin, where he received his early education in the public schools. After starting in life for himself he was engaged for a number of years as an employe of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and later established himself in the general merchandising business at Van Dyne, Friendship township, where he has since continued to devote his attention to the interests of that business.

John Kind celebrated his wedding in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and has a family of three children, as follows: Adeline, thirty-one years of age, who is the wife of Richard Hartman; and Nellie and John, who are twenty-eight and twenty-five years of age respectively. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Van Dyne. John Kind has always lived up to his reputation which stands for honor in all business transactions and uprightness in all social relations. He is among the prosperous and respected citizens of Fond du Lac county, in which he is widely and favorably known as one of its enterprising and successful business men.

THOMAS ROACH.

Thomas Roach, who has been for many years prominently identified with the farming interests of Fond du Lac county, was born in Horicon, Wisconsin, in 1856. His parents were John and Bridget (Coston) Roach, natives of Ireland. The public schools of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, afforded Thomas Roach his educational opportunities. When he left school he engaged immediately in general farming and this occupation he has followed since that time. He has the distinction of being the first breeder of registered Holstein cattle in his township and makes a specialty of Berkshire hogs. He gives much of his attention to fruit-raising and has the largest apple orchard in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. He takes an intelligent interest in local political affairs and held the office of chairman of the township for several years. He is a devout member of the Church of the Presentation in his native city and his religion is an active force in his life.

Thomas Roach was married October 20, 1891, to Miss Mary Doyle, of Waupun, Wisconsin, and they have become the parents of seven children; John, James, George, Eileen, David, Thomas and Emma. Mr. Roach's life has been a serene and happy one with no misfortunes of any serious nature to mar its long-continued success. He is respected and esteemed by his many friends and he has handed down to his children traditions of loyalty and industry, which were the basis of his prosperity.

ALFRED BELLMER.

Fond du Lac county is and has been since its founding essentially an agricultural district. The wealth of the section as well as the power in local affairs is in the hands of farmers and the markets for the products of their cultivated acres are limited only by the boundaries of the country. Prominent in this line of activity and a well known native of the county is Alfred Bellmer, who is engaged in the occupation of general farming in the town of Friendship. He was born on the old homestead in Fond du Lac county and is a son of Frank and Zoe (Dufrane) Bellmer. His educational advantages were limited to the opportunities which the public schools of Friendship township afforded. As he grew up he learned the trade of carpentering in which he soon became a master workman. He followed this trade for eight years in his native town, but gave it up at length to engage in agricultural pursuits in which he has been prominent and active ever since.

Alfred Bellmer was united in marriage in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, January 30, 1896, to Miss Catherine Dunn, a daughter of John and Catherine Dunn, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Bellmer have one child, Marguerite, twelve years old and a pupil of the public schools of Friendship.

Alfred Bellmer, although not active in political affairs, takes an intelligent interest in national issues. He votes the republican ticket consistently and is a firm believer in the policies and principles of that party. He is recognized today as one of the most promising of the younger generation of farmers in this county and his past success in the cultivation and improvement of the soil foretells prosperity in the future.

WILLIAM S. DIXON.

William S. Dixon is one of the most important breeders and importers of Jersey cattle in Wisconsin and has gained a reputation throughout the state for his success in raising high-grade registered animals. He owns one hundred and seventeen acres on section 26 of Metomen township and has equipped his farm with all the accessories and conveniences necessary to the conduct of his business. His progressive spirit, his constant attention to business and his distinct and substantial success in his chosen line of activity have gained him a high place among the men whose individual activities in important industries make them valuable factors in public growth and development. Mr. Dixon is a native of Fond du Lac county, having been born in Springvale township on May 20, 1867. His parents were John and Isabel (Murray) Dixon, natives of England. The father was born August 10, 1831, and came to the United States with his brother Joseph at an early date, settling first in Fond du Lac and later in Brandon. In this village he worked for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, aiding in its construction, and afterward obtained employment on a

farm near Picketts. In 1857 he joined his brother in the purchase of forty acres in Springvale township, section 30, and kept adding to his holdings until they were the proprietors of three hundred and sixty acres, well improved and developed. Upon this farm he remained until his retirement from active life in the spring of 1898, when he moved into the village of Brandon, where he died in 1904. His wife was also a native of England, born August 28, 1838, a daughter of Daniel and Jane Murray, who left their native country in the early '50s and came to America, settling in Springvale township upon a farm. Daniel Murray cultivated the soil upon his original tract of land until his death, which occurred in 1862. His wife passed away on the 18th of October, 1872. To Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon were born four children: Joseph, who is a well known sheep breeder in Springvale township; Jennie, who has passed away; William S., of this review; and Anna, who married Leonard Engle, a retired farmer living in Brandon.

William S. Dixon attended the district schools of Springvale township and supplemented this by a course in the Brandon high school. His early life was spent upon his father's farm and he remained at home until his marriage. Afterward he moved upon a neighboring property owned by his father and here remained until he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in the same township, which two years later he sold. He then bought his present farm of one hundred and seventeen acres on section 26, Metomen township, and since that time has gained prosperity and success in his special line. Since the beginning of his active career he has been interested in stock breeding and raising. At first he gave his entire attention to thoroughbred sheep and continued his identification with this line of activity until 1900, when he sold his flock and began importing and breeding Jersey cattle. He first purchased three heifers from John Campbell, one of the veteran breeders of Shelbyville, Kentucky, and retained these animals until the spring of 1909, when he sold his entire herd at auction and went himself to the Isle of Jersey, in the English channel, and purchased forty head of young animals, paying from seventy-five to five hundred dollars per head. When he disposed of his first herd he obtained for its head, Ibsen, seventeen hundred dollars, selling him to John Camden, of Versailles, Kentucky. For this animal he obtained the first prize at the Royal Jersey show in Shelbyville.

At the present time the head of Mr. Dixon's herd is Majesty's Oxford King, purchased in 1910, a member of one of the most noted families on the Jersey Island, which has always been noted for superior qualities and for beauty. His dam sold at T. S. Cooper's sale in Coopersville, Pennsylvania, for seventeen hundred and fifty dollars, and his granddam brought a like amount at Shelbyville, Kentucky. Mr. Dixon goes every year to Jersey Island and imports high-grade animals. At the present time he owns a herd of forty-two head and his most valuable breeding cow, Mourier Lass, was purchased on his first journey. She is a daughter of Golden Jolly, one of the best breeders on the island. Mr. Dixon has besides his Jersey cattle three thoroughbred Percheron breeding mares, which he has exhibited at various state fairs with gratifying results. He has shown his stock at these fairs for six years and previous to that time exhibited his sheep, having now a record of twenty years upon the circuit. His animals have taken prizes at Des Moines, Iowa; Hamline, Minnesota; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Indianapolis, Indiana; Louisville, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee; Waterloo, Iowa; Detroit, Michigan; Columbus, Ohio; Springfield, Illinois; and at the Chicago National shows. Mr. Dixon's unusual success in raising thoroughbred cattle has gained him a place among the substantial and representative men of his section and his activities have marked a distinct advance in methods of scientific breeding. It is hard to estimate the importance of his work, since he has built up in the course of years an enterprise based on systematic efficiency and operated along lines of advancement and progress.

On November 1, 1888, Mr. Dixon was united in marriage to Miss Nellie V. McClaughry, a daughter of David T. and Susan E. (Knight) McClaughry. The father was born in Washington county, New York, December 20, 1824, and is of Scotch ancestry. He came to Wisconsin with his parents in pioneer times, settling on Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha county, where he remained until the summer of 1846, when he came to Alto township and took up five hundred acres of government land. In this section he was married on March 13, 1849, to Miss Susan Knight, who was born in Vermont, November 26, 1833, and who came to Wisconsin with her parents in the early days of the settlement of the state. After his marriage Mr. McClaughry became a partner in the operation of the first hotel in Alto township, and served as supervisor and township treasurer for several terms. He remained upon his farm until his retirement from active life, in 1882, when he came to the village of Brandon, where he resided until his death, which occurred on October 30, 1895. He was survived by his wife till March 2, 1908. They had six children: Angeline B., the wife of James Burman, who is engaged in farming near Waupun; Martha A., the wife of Lionel Conklin, a retired farmer of Newell, Iowa; Daniel W., deceased; Maria S., now deceased, who became the wife of Maurice Wadleigh, a farmer in Iowa; Jessie F., the wife of Clinton Mony, a retired farmer residing in Waupun, Wisconsin; and Nellie V., the wife of our subject. Mrs. Dixon was born in Alto township, November 16, 1868. She attended the district schools of her native section and was graduated from the Brandon high school in 1887. She engaged in teaching for one year, first in Green Lake county and then in Fond du Lac county. She and her husband became the parents of three children. Jennie I., born March 11, 1892, was graduated from the Brandon high school in 1910 and is now attending Lawrence University at Appleton. John, born November 16, 1893, is a student in the Brandon high school. David Mc., the youngest member of the family, was born March 10, 1902.

Mr. Dixon gives his allegiance to the republican party and has served as assessor for two years. He is a shareholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Brandon, and active in the affairs of the Masonic order. He, however, concentrates his attention upon the conduct of his business and has been rewarded for his industry and progressive methods by gratifying success. The importance of his work in stock-breeding and in the management and control of a representative enterprise entitles him to a high place in the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens as a man who has made his progressive, modern and scientific labors not only a private resource but a public asset.

WILLIAM BRAATZ.

William Braatz has been identified with progressive farming in Fond du Lac county since he was twenty-one years of age and has achieved through thirty-two years of gradual success a position of importance in agricultural circles. His farm comprises three hundred and forty acres of the most fertile and productive land, is well improved and in excellent condition and entitles him to rank among the men who are raising the standards of farming in all sections of the country. Mr. Braatz was born in Quebec, Canada, January 26, 1858, and is a son of William and Johanna (Penn) Braatz, both natives of Germany. The father was a shepherd and a goose-herd in his native country and settled in Canada at an early date. He worked in a sawmill at night for one year and then engaged in wood chopping, receiving for his arduous labor twenty-five cents per cord and taking his pay in groceries. He was poor but ambitious, and his energy at length led to success. A year and a half he followed this occupation in Canada before he came to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and in 1860 engaged in farming



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM BRAATZ



for three years with satisfactory results. At the end of that time he moved to the vicinity of Neosho, Wisconsin, where he worked for four years in a saw-mill before moving to Clyman township, Dodge county. Here he purchased forty acres of land and established his first home in America upon this tract. He lived upon this property until 1896, constantly adding to his holdings and improving them along modern and scientific lines. He owned two hundred acres, highly developed and improved when he abandoned agricultural pursuits and sold his land in order to move to the village of Brandon where he lived retired. He died in 1905. His wife survives him and has reached the age of seventy-eight years. She is in good health and remarkably active and has made her home with her son William since her husband's death. She is well known and widely beloved in the section in which she resides and has many warm friends.

William Braatz attended school in Clyman township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and from his childhood assisted his father in his various enterprises. When he was twenty-one years of age he started with a good team of horses and a lumber wagon for the northern Wisconsin pineries in order to gain a livelihood for himself. The journey took him through the village of Brandon where his uncle, Ferdinand Braatz, was located. The latter persuaded his nephew to locate in Fond du Lac county, pointing out the agricultural advantages, the fertility and productiveness of the soil and the success which was constantly rewarding well directed labor. Mr. Braatz was pleased with the prospect and determined to try his fortune in this district. He rented a farm on section 30, Springvale township, owned by E. Lampher which he operated for two years. He was successful and his agricultural methods were consistently progressive. He later rented the Norris farm west of the village, carrying on general farming upon this property for one year. At the end of that time he returned to Dodge county where he took charge of a farm owned by his father-in-law, Carl Zimdars, and after two years' identification with this enterprise returned to Springvale township where he purchased land. He bought the George Gould farm of two hundred acres on section 26, which he operated and improved for some time. He added to his holdings at various periods and at one time owned five hundred acres. The farm now comprises three hundred and forty acres of valuable land. For twenty-three years Mr. Braatz lived upon this property and gave his supervision to the management of the farm and then rented it to his son William and came to his present home on section 35 where he has since resided. He remodeled all the buildings upon his property, fenced, tiled and improved it and now has one of the most attractive homes and most highly improved farms in Fond du Lac county. He at one time owned an extensive tract of land but has sold at different times portions to his sons. He is recognized as one of the really progressive, up-to-date and scientific stockmen in the district in which he lives. He is engaged with his son Charles, in breeding registered Holsteins and has a fine herd of dairy cattle. He raises full-blooded Poland-China hogs for the market and has beside a fine team of full-blooded Percheron brood mares. He has been successful and become prosperous through practically scientific methods and is one of the few farmers who study agriculture in its different phases. He reaps the results of his efficiency in constantly increasing harvests and in the improved quality of his stock.

In 1881 Mr. Braatz was united in marriage to Miss Louise Zimdars, a daughter of Carl and Mildred Zimdars, both natives of Germany. Mrs. Braatz's parents came to the United States in 1856 and her mother died in Dodge county in 1897. Her father is surviving and makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Friday of Rubicon, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Braatz have been born nine children: William F., who is farming in Springvale township and who married Miss Ruth Griffith, by whom he has two sons, Robert, who is nine years old, and Donald, aged five; Edward, who also follows agriculture in

Springvale township and who married Miss Hattie Tutloff, by whom he has one son, Glenn, six years of age; Charles, a ranchman of Hubbard county, Minnesota, who married Miss Dora Baxter, who died in June, 1912, leaving two sons, Orville, aged six, and Floyd, aged four years; Albert H., a farmer of Lamartine township, who married Miss Lydia Snyder, by whom he has two children, Ethel, three years old and Ruby, who is one year; Adelbert, who passed away when he was seventeen years of age; Walter, who died when he was six years; Harry, who is associated with his father in the conduct of the farm; Ruth, born February 25, 1900, who is attending school in No. 10 joint school district in Springvale township; and Lottie, born September 25, 1903, who is also in school. There is hardly a line of legitimate activity in Springvale township or in the surrounding country in which William Braatz is not prominently and intelligently interested. He is a man of true public spirit ready to see opportunities for advancement and eager to do his best in promoting them. He gives his allegiance to the republican party in national questions but never allows political lines to influence his convictions in local affairs. For years he has been chairman of the board of directors of school district No. 1, Springvale township, and his labors along this line have been a material aid to the furtherance of education. He was vice president of the Rosendale State Bank for many years and was one of the organizers of that institution, resigning that position two years ago to devote more of his time to scientific agriculture. He is a stockholder and was one of the organizers of the Brick Cheese Company of Springvale township and served for two years as vice president of the corporation. He is today serving as its secretary and treasurer and has held the office for many years. He is a man of varied interests, all of which by intelligent management he has made forceful and important as factors in the general advancement. He has promoted his own prosperity earnestly and sincerely by constant laboring along progressive lines and welcomes his success not only as a private advantage but as an asset in public development. His ideas and his open and liberal mind have combined with his experience in agricultural matters to form a success which has been an addition to the resources of his state. He is of value to his community by reason of his high principles of conscientiousness, and his knowledge of his occupation since it has been gained through hard experience, has been retained in its fullness and expanded to meet the needs of modern activity.

LOUIS POSTEL.

Louis Postel, the proprietor of a road house in Rodgersville, is also active as a general farmer. He owns seventy-one acres of land in Lamartine township, which he plants in the grains and vegetables to which the soil is best adapted. He is successful because he brings the desirable qualities of industry, intelligence and business sagacity to his work in every operation which he undertakes. He was born in Germany, October 17, 1883, and is a son of Daniel and Mary Ann (Hoppe) Postel. The father was born in Germany in 1854 and was engaged in the butcher business for a number of years. His death occurred in 1888 but his wife survived him until 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Postel were the parents of two children: Daniel, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in the employ of others in Lamartine township; and Louis, the subject of this sketch.

Louis Postel attended school in Port Washington, Ozaukee county, until he was fifteen years of age and from that time until he was nineteen worked as a laborer upon neighboring farms and acquired some knowledge of the machinist's trade and worked at this occupation in all about eleven years. He finally,

however, gave it up and came to Lamartine township, settling on a farm which was left him by his mother. He is the owner of seventy-one acres, highly improved and developed, and is numbered among the representative agriculturists of this section. He also conducts a road house in Rodgersville and has been prosperous in this undertaking.

On February 23, 1911, Mr. Postel was married at Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, to Miss Anna Wandka, a daughter of Julius Wandka, of Sheboygan. Mrs. Postel is one of a family of four children, the others being Ella, Flora and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Postel are the parents of a son, Elton Rodger.

In his political views Louis Postel is consistently republican and votes the party ticket. He belongs to the Lutheran church. He is still a young man and the success which he enjoys forecasts his coming prosperity. His success is the natural result of his well directed labor along progressive lines, aided by thorough experience in the details of agriculture and supplemented by business sagacity and integrity of a high order.

GEORGE GIBSON.

George Gibson is one of the successful and well known merchants of Van Dyne, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. He was born in the state of New York in 1850 and is a son of John and Mary (Grogan) Gibson, both of whom were natives of Ireland and who emigrated to America in 1847. He was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Fond du Lac. As a young man he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years on his father's farm and later took up work as a telegraph operator, in which occupation he continued for some time. In 1904 he established himself in the general merchandising business in Van Dyne, Fond du Lac county, and to the details of that business he has since given his entire attention.

George Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Esther Mitchell, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mitchell. The father was one of the old settlers of Eldorado township, where he died in 1864. The mother passed away November 25, 1909. Mr. Gibson politically is affiliated with the republican party. He and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church of Van Dyne. He is numbered among the best known citizens of his section of Fond du Lac county and is a man who is highly respected by all his friends and associates.

BENJAMIN GRIFFITH, JR.

Benjamin Griffith, Jr., is one of the younger representatives of the farming interests of Eldorado township where he is engaged in the cultivation of one hundred and fifty-five acres of land. He was born in this township in 1878, his parents being Frank and Mary (Ball) Griffith, of whom the mother is deceased.

Benjamin Griffith was a pupil in the district school near his father's home and after mastering the elementary branches of learning there he attended college at Madison, Wisconsin, for a few months. He then returned home to take up the work of the farm and since the death of his mother he has lived with and taken care of his aged grandmother, who has now passed the ninety-third milestone on life's journey. He has always carried on farming and his labors find tangible evidence in his well tilled fields and the large crops which he annually raises. The farm comprises one hundred and fifty-five acres of fertile land.

In politics Mr. Griffith is republican, supporting the men and measures of the party but not seeking office for himself. There have been no unusual or exciting chapters in his life history. His is the record of a young man who day by day carefully performs the duties that devolve upon him and conscientiously meets every obligation. Such men are the real worth of a community, and their value as citizens is widely acknowledged.

CARL F. HASS.

Germany has given to Fond du Lac county many sturdy, industrious and able men who are bringing their native thrift, economy and perseverance to the cultivation of fine farms which they own in this section. Prominent among men of this class is Carl F. Hass, who is operating an excellent tract of eighty acres on section 16, Springvale township. Here he carries on general farming, stock-raising and dairying and his experience and ability in these lines of activity have made him successful in all. He has lived in America twenty years, his birth having occurred in Germany on February 8, 1865. His parents were Michael and Wilhelmina (Wolfe) Hass, natives of the fatherland, where they lived and died. His father was a laborer and followed that line of occupation until his death which occurred on April 6, 1892. His wife survived him until 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hass were born four children: Herman, who lives in Germany; Fredericka, the wife of August Weilde, of Germany; Wilhelmina, now Mrs. Ernest Fischer, also a resident of the fatherland; and Carl F., the subject of this sketch.

Carl Hass attended the public schools of his native country and when he laid aside his books worked as a coachman for several years. In 1892 he determined to come to America, believing that the United States offered a greater chance for a successful career and because he could see no future for himself in Germany. He settled first near Ripon, where he worked as a farm hand for several years, moving to Rush Lake eventually, where he took up railroading. He saved his money and was soon able to rent a farm in the same section which he operated and improved until 1905 when he came to Springvale township and purchased his present property. He is the proprietor of eighty acres of land well developed and highly improved upon which he carries on general farming and stock-raising. He also operates a dairy on this land, keeping a herd of ten high-grade cows for this purpose. His farming has been always practical and, therefore productive of good results, abundant harvests having each year rewarded his care and labor.

On May 8, 1892, Carl F. Hass was united in marriage, in Germany, to Miss Amelia Klatt, a daughter of August and Johanna (Briesemeister) Klatt, natives of Germany, where they live today, the father following the occupation of a laborer. Mrs. Hass is the third in a family of six children. Her brothers and sisters are: Augusta, Amistina, Louisa, Fred and Bertha, all of whom are residents of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Hass have been born six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Anna, who was born on October 11, 1893, at home; Ella, whose birth occurred on November 27, 1896, also at home; Martha, who was born on the 29th of March, 1898, and is a pupil in district school No. 3, Springvale township; Laura, who was born on December 16, 1902, and is attending school; and Walter, whose birth occurred on the 9th of October, 1905, and also attends school. The family are members of the German Lutheran church of Rosendale.

Carl F. Hass devotes his entire time to the operation of his farm. He is a fine example of the hard working self-made man, being entirely responsible for his own prosperity. He is one of the sterling and substantial men of Fond du

Lac county and he seeks his success in a field of labor with which he has been identified during his entire residence in America and which has repaid his practical methods and his well directed industry by constantly increasing prosperity. His farm is a credit to his own progressive agricultural methods and to his personal judgment besides being a valuable addition to the resources of his section.

B. D. AND G. F. AUSTIN.

George F. Austin is engaged in the concrete contracting business in Eldorado, Wisconsin, and during the nine years of his identification with this line of activity has built up a gratifying patronage which is a pleasant prophecy of future success. He was born in Eldorado township, August 30, 1873, and is the son of David and Mary Austin, the former a native of Wales and the latter of England. The father of our subject came to America and settled in Eldorado township in 1846 and there engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1886, when he was seventy-six years of age. His wife left her native country when an infant and came to America, settling in New York state. She remained in that state for nine years, coming to Eldorado township when ten years of age. Her marriage occurred in this section and she became the mother of eleven children, of whom five are still living: David, Alice, Joseph, George F. and Byron.

George F. Austin was educated in the district schools of his native section and pursued his studies until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time he obtained a position in a flour mill at Eldorado and was identified with this business for five years. He then became a conductor in Fond du Lac but after four years returned to Eldorado, where he entered into partnership with his brother Byron in his present concrete contracting business. He has been steadily successful, his enterprise making a healthy growth every year. He does general concrete construction work but is especially interested in the building of silos, the farming section in which he resides offering him favorable opportunities in this line. He has been particularly successful in the construction of these buildings and has built numerous silos in Eldorado township. His business methods are known to be upright and straightforward and they are combined with his expert workmanship in the promotion of distinct and substantial success.

On June 4, 1902, George F. Austin was united in marriage at Oshkosh to Miss Addie Close, a daughter of Richard and Mary Close, of Eldorado township. To Mr. and Mrs. Austin have been born five children: Harry and Harley, twins; a child who died in infancy; Douglas; and Walter.

George F. Austin belongs to the Congregational church and is well known as a man of exemplary character. He votes with the republican party and is a firm advocate of its principles but has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs, which are capably conducted, making him one of the leading and successful contractors of his community.

JOHN DONOVAN.

John Donovan is one of the prosperous farmers of the township of Friendship, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he was born in 1859. He is a son of Michael and Mary (Donovan) Donovan, who were among the early settlers of Friendship township. He was reared in his parents' home and received his elementary education in his native section. He later engaged in farming and has

continued in the pursuit of agriculture during his entire career as a citizen of Fond du Lac county.

John Donovan was united in marriage in Friendship township, in 1880, to Miss Catherine McArdle, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McArdle. Her parents were early pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county. Mr. and Mrs. Donovan are the parents of three children, namely: Frank, who is thirty-one years old; and Mary and Leo, who are twenty-seven and twelve years of age respectively. All are still under the parental roof. Mr. Donovan belongs to the democratic party and at one time was supervisor of his township. He and his family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church. He is a man whose integrity in business has never been questioned and he has always been numbered among the well respected and most useful citizens of his part of the state.

EDWARD PERRIZO.

Friendship township and its surrounding districts have been noted for many years for their rich and fertile farm lands which are the source of much of the wealth and progress of that section of the country. A prominent farmer of Fond du Lac county and one whose life has contributed in a large measure to the furtherance of its agricultural resources, is Edward Perrizo, whose birth occurred in the town of Friendship in 1868. He is a son of Hubert Perrizo, who engaged in the cultivation of farm property during his active life. The son's educational advantages were limited. He attended the district schools of Friendship township and his life, since he laid aside his text-books, has been entirely devoted to his large farming interests. He lives upon the old homestead on which he was born and is responsible for all modern improvements thereon and the acquisition of new equipment which make it at the present time one of the most valuable and up-to-date properties of its kind in Fond du Lac county.

Edward Perrizo was married in 1897 to Miss Melvina Marcoes, a daughter of F. C. and Josephine (Roy) Marcoes, both old residents of Coonsfall, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Perrizo have five living children: Eva Josephine, aged fourteen years; Adais Genevieve and Edwin Francis, twins, aged twelve years; Alida Melvina, in her tenth year; and Leo Wilford, aged eight. Bernadette Catherine and Hubert died in infancy.

Edward Perrizo gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is prominent in educational work of Fond du Lac and held the position of district clerk of the school board for many years. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church of the Presentation and is prominent in the Catholic Order of Foresters. He has been a farmer during all his life and practical experience in the details of the business which he gained in boyhood has made his mature life prosperous and successful.

ALVIN T. CURTIS.

Alvin T. Curtis is one of the well known and desirable citizens of Fond du Lac. He is proprietor of a retail grocery store in this city at No. 220 Military avenue. He was born in Rosendale township, November 22, 1864, and is the son of Thomas R. and Wealthy A. (Leathrop) Curtis, the father being a native of Maine and the mother of Vermont. Thomas R. Curtis, the father of the subject of this review, was reared at home and with the family removed to Fond du Lac, settling in the township of Rosendale, this state, in 1849. His wife came to Wisconsin in 1847. Their respective families were engaged in

farming. Thomas R. Curtis, in the early '70s, removed from the town of Rosendale to the city of Berlin, in Green Lake county and there died in August, 1911, at the age of eighty-five, his wife preceding him to her reward beyond in January, 1907, aged seventy-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were both lifelong members of the Baptist church.

Alvin T. Curtis was reared on his father's farm in the township of Rosendale and received his early education in the public schools and later graduated from the Berlin high school. As a young man he engaged as a clerk in a grocery store in Berlin, this state, and continued to follow that occupation for a number of years. He then removed to Waupaca, at which place he was employed in a general store. In the year 1898 he removed to Fond du Lac and for several years was identified with the Badger Sewing Company of this city. Later retiring from this business he accepted a position as traveling salesman and for the past eight years has been engaged in the retail grocery business at 220 Military avenue.

Mr. Curtis was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Collins, in April, 1889. Mrs. Curtis is a daughter of Joseph W. and Mary (Oliver) Collins, the latter a daughter of John W. Oliver. Mrs. Curtis was born in New York city, her parents being natives of the Empire state. The family removed to Berlin, this state, in the '80s, and later removed to Chicago, at which place her mother continued to live until the time of her death. Her father later returned to Fond du Lac where he now resides. He is a veteran member of the New York militia. To Mr. and Mrs. Collins three children were born: Alfred, Isabel and a son who died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Curtis one child has been born, Marian Frances, at home with her parents.

Alvin T. Curtis is affiliated with the republican party and is a member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, Knights of Pythias, a member of the Commercial Travelers Association and of the Modern Woodmen Camp. He and Mrs. Curtis are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Curtis is universally respected by all and one who gives constant and diligent attention to all matters of business with which he is connected. His influence and help can be relied upon at all times to advance the social and moral betterment of the community in which he lives.

JAMES JONES.

James Jones is identified with farming in its modern and progressive aspects and in his operation of a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres in Springvale township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, is doing active work in the advancement of agriculture. He was born in Somersetshire, England, on July 24, 1865, and is a son of John and Ann (Jones) Jones, both natives of the same shire. His father was a farmer and followed that line of occupation for a number of years. Mr. Jones' parents were married in Somersetshire and are living on a farm in that district. His father has reached the age of eighty-four years and for the past few years he was proprietor of a hotel at Godney, in Somersetshire, but has recently sold out his interests to a son-in-law and is now living retired. His wife has attained the age of seventy-five years. Unto them were born nine children, namely: William, who died in England in 1910; Richard, of Kingston, Wisconsin; James, of this review; John, a resident of England; Sarah, the wife of Edward Sheppard, of England; Charles, also making his home in the British Isles; Rhoda, the wife of Charles Wheeler, who resides in that country; Mary, who married S. Puddy, of England; and Jesse, who likewise lives in the land of his nativity.

James Jones attended school in his native county and helped his father upon the home farm until he was seventeen years of age. At that time he came to the United States, having been influenced in making this move by his brother Richard, who had come to America three years previously. Richard had written to his younger brother glowing reports of the agricultural advantages Wisconsin afforded and when James Jones crossed the Atlantic he settled immediately in Fond du Lac county. He took up farming in Eldorado township, working in the employ of others for about three years. He there married and rented a tract of land in Rosendale township, which he brought to a high state of development in the fifteen years of his occupancy. He was ambitious and energetic and by strict economy was able to save enough money to buy a fine farm of one hundred acres in Lamartine township, upon which he resided for two years. In 1910 he sold his holdings in that section and rented one hundred and sixty acres from Charles Pagel, upon which he is now residing. He carries on general farming and is well versed in all the details relating to the planting of the grain and the cultivation of the soil. He is extensively engaged in stock-raising, selling his cattle and horses in the markets of Wisconsin. He also operates a large dairy, keeping seventeen cows for this purpose. He follows the most modern and progressive principles of agriculture and is known throughout Fond du Lac county as a substantial and representative citizen.

On March 25, 1887, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Alice Auttery, a daughter of William and Betsy Auttery, both natives of Somersetshire, England. Mrs. Jones' father followed farming in his native country and resumed this occupation when he came to America, cultivating a tract in Empire township, Fond du Lac county. He and his wife were among the earliest settlers in this district and they both died upon their original farm, the father passing away in 1892 and the mother in 1900. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Julia, deceased; Emma, the wife of Edward Abbs, of Eldorado township, this county; Jane, who married Fred Abbs, of Fond du Lac city; Henry, of Medford, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Jones. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born four children, namely: Jesse, born July 4, 1889, who lives with his parents and assists in the operation of the home farm; Irene, born June 18, 1890; Howard, whose birth occurred in September, 1895; and Mabel, who was born in 1897.

In his political affiliations Mr. Jones is a consistent republican and deeply interested in local affairs although he never seeks public office. With his family he attends the Congregational church in Brandon and is a stanch supporter of this organization although he does not hold membership. He belongs to the Brandon Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, his only fraternal affiliation. He is one of the sterling and substantial citizens of Fond du Lac county and he seeks his success in a field of labor, with the details of which he has been familiar since his boyhood and which has repaid his practical methods and his well directed industry by constantly growing prosperity.

JOHN F. SCHAFER.

John F. Schafer owns a farm of a hundred and sixty acres in Fond du Lac township, in the cultivation of which he has been successfully engaged for many years. He was born in Forest township on the 17th of March, 1875, and is the youngest child of Charles and Katie (Olesgar) Schafer. The father was born in Germany on the 20th of August, 1842, but was reared in Wisconsin, having been a child of only seven years when he emigrated to the United States with his parents, who located in Forest. There he acquired his education and was trained to agricultural pursuits under the capable supervision of his father, ultimately becoming one of the most successful farmers of this county. He began

his independent career as an agriculturist on a sixty-acre tract of land, the cultivation of which proved so lucrative that he was subsequently able to increase his holdings until he owned four hundred and eighty acres of good land. He still makes his home in this county, although for several years he has been living retired. The mother of our subject, who was also a native of Germany, passed away in 1879. Their children numbered four, those beside our subject being as follows: May, who became the wife of Martin Engals of Forest, who is engaged in farming in Osceola, this state, and by whom she is the mother of six children; Charles, who is a farmer in Forest; and Anna, who married Gottlieb Glensing, a farmer of St. Cloud, by whom she has three children.

John F. Schafer was reared at home and educated in the district schools of Forest township, which he attended until he was fourteen. He then laid aside his text-books and from that time until he had attained his majority gave his undivided attention to the operation of the home farm. During the next year he worked out as a farm hand, but at the expiration of that time he entered the employ of the Rueping Leather Company, with whom he remained for six years. In 1903, he purchased the farm which he owns at the present time and once more turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with a good measure of success. His fields are in a high state of productivity and annually produce abundant harvests, which well repay him for the labor expended in their cultivation. The buildings on his land are substantially constructed and in good repair, everything about the premises evidencing competent supervision and capable management. He has twenty-four head of cattle and six horses, while his equipment comprises everything deemed essential by the modern agriculturist.

On the 23d of November, 1897, in the city of Fond du Lac, Mr. Schafer was married to Miss Annie Erche, who passed away in 1902, leaving two daughters, Minnie T. and Edna A. On the 11th of May, 1905, Mr. Schafer was married to Miss Mary Schnitz. She is a daughter of Peter and Maggie Schnitz, prosperous farmers of this county, who emigrated from Germany thirty-two years ago. To Mr. Schafer and his second wife have been born five children, Arthur C., John S., Rosella A., Irving L., and Elmer M.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Schafer are communicants of the Roman Catholic church. The political support of Mr. Schafer is given to the republican party and for the past three years he has been efficiently discharging the duties of road supervisor. He is one of the progressive and public-spirited men of the township, who take an active interest in local affairs and he cooperates in promoting the development of the community, where he is held in high esteem.

ORRIN C. STEENBERG.

For many years Orrin C. Steenberg occupied a prominent place on the stage of public activity in Fond du Lac, not by reason of the fact that he sought that position, for he was ever modest and unostentatious, but because his splendid business qualifications and his sterling worth of character placed him there. Honored and respected by all, no man occupied a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles of the city owing not alone to his success but to the straightforward business policy which he ever followed. He held to high ideals in his trade relations, in his private life and in his duties of citizenship and he left an ineffaceable impress upon the history of the city. He was born near Ithaca, Tompkins county, New York, August 12, 1837, a son of Elias and Getty (Clement) Steenberg, both of whom were natives of New York, the former of Holland and the latter of English descent. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters: Orrin C.; Fred I., who died in January, 1912;

Amelia, the wife of John C. Callahan, a resident of Mechanicsville, New York; and a daughter who died in Mechanicsville.

Orrin C. Steenberg eagerly embraced every opportunity for acquiring an education and was graduated from Union College, at Schenectady, New York, with the class of 1861. He then took up the profession of teaching, his first work in the class room being in a military academy at Tarrytown, New York. In the same year he was offered the principalship of the high school at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and came to this city, where he continued to reside until his demise. A year served to demonstrate his ability as an educator and at the end of that time he was elected city superintendent of schools, which position he continued to occupy for eight years. It is a matter of general knowledge that Mr. Steenberg did more to further and promote the interests of the public schools during their formative period than any other citizen of Fond du Lac, introducing a system, the beneficial effects of which are still felt. He is believed to have been the first one to recommend compulsory attendance at school of all children of school age. He did this in the public report of the school board of 1867 when he said: "Can a community ignore the moral welfare of five hundred of its children? If they are diseased, either physically or mentally, hospitals or asylums would be provided for them; were they criminal, prisons would be built for them. . . . Argument seems unnecessary. In the minds of those who have the future good of our city at heart, there can be but one conclusion. It is the duty of the city not only to provide means by which our youth may become good citizens, but by its authority to constrain those who are too young or too ignorant to appreciate or employ those advantages."

In a memorial service held following his demise, one long acquainted with Mr. Steenberg and his work, said: "Men live after they are dead in the good deeds they have done, in the beneficial influences they have inaugurated. Some here will remember how Mr. Steenberg brought order out of chaos in the educational institutions of the city; how he gave a national reputation to the high school of the city, so that wherever the name of Fond du Lac was known the fame of its high school was also mentioned. His method in education was an admirable one. While he was particular about attendance and scholarship and all the details necessary to successful school work, his great aim was manhood and womanhood. The many who are here tonight who studied under his instruction will bear testimony to the fact that Mr. Steenberg never stopped in his instruction with the text-books. His interest in his pupils was such that he followed them into after life, was proud of their successes and had a ready and practical sympathy for them in their failures."

With his ten years' service spent as a representative of educational interests in Fond du Lac, Mr. Steenberg retired from that field, although he never ceased to feel the deepest interest in the public schools, nor failed to give his cooperation to any movement for their welfare and upbuilding. In 1871 he turned his attention to industrial activity as a manufacturer of sash, doors and blinds, becoming junior partner in the firm of Lewis & Steenberg, his associate for five years being H. H. Lewis. In 1876 the latter sold out to Mr. Steenberg, who from that time forward continued in business alone. His enterprise was not a large one, the factory which he owned being one of the more modest institutions embraced in the long list of the great sash and door factories of the northwest. He was conservative in his business methods and had no liking for the risks which must be taken by those who desire great wealth; but on the other hand, risking nothing, he lost nothing; and his business was probably more uniformly profitable than that of almost anyone who can be named in his line. The result was that he left a comfortable fortune which was ample for his own needs and those of his family, not only while he lived, but makes liberal provision for them since his death. For eight years he was secretary and treas-

urer of the wholesale Sash, Door & Blind Manufacturers' Association of the Northwest, retiring from that office in 1889. His qualities of mind and his strict integrity were greatly appreciated by his fellow officers in that association, and no man was held in higher regard in the entire association. He entered the field of newspaper publication, when in 1884 he joined P. B. Haber and others in purchasing the daily and weekly Commonwealth of Fond du Lac, continuing the publication of that journal under the name of the Commonwealth Printing Company, of which he remained the president from its organization until his demise. In this connection one who knew him well said: "His modesty was well shown in his relation to the paper in which he was a chief stockholder. Though he was in a position to use the paper, which was for a country city an influential one, he was never known to do so. His name seldom appeared in its columns and we have no doubt that many citizens of Fond du Lac knew nothing of his connection with it. His financial connection with the paper seemed to him sufficient reason why he should be less conspicuous in connection with it than the humblest reporter. The Timberman sometimes had occasion to ask assistance of the paper through Mr. Steenberg, and while, with his unfailing courtesy, he would take especial pains to grant the favor, it was always done with a careful avoidance of any appearance of directing in the matter. He would give an introduction and request as would an outsider that the Timberman should be assisted in its work, but he would decline to go further than this, leaving his associate, Mr. Haber, in absolute charge."

Naturally a man who held the high ideals which characterized the life of Mr. Steenberg would be a devoted husband and father. On the 22d of April, 1862, he was married to Miss Harriet Green, of Salisbury, Connecticut, a daughter of Osmond Spencer Green, who was a son of Isaac and Achsah (Spencer) Green, and was born in the town of Salisbury, Connecticut, February 8, 1802. He wedded Mary Adeline Conklin on the 9th of October, 1831, and his death occurred January 23, 1871, while his wife passed away November 20, 1877. Of their five children, Mrs. Steenberg is the only one now living. She has not only long been prominent in social and church circles of the city but also displays excellent business and executive ability. Since her husband's death she has been made president of the O. C. Steenberg Company, which was incorporated in 1896 with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. The plant was established forty-four years ago and the business has enjoyed a substantial growth that has at length brought it to large proportions. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Steenberg were born two sons, Fred G. and Hubert Steenberg, and one daughter, Sarah, who died at the age of ten years.

Mr. Steenberg was long a devoted member of the Congregational church, faithful to its teachings, active in its work and occupying prominent official positions in the organization. In his religious belief was found the permeating influence of his life. It was manifest in a helpful spirit toward all mankind; it took tangible form in his encouragement to his employes; in his geniality toward all his fellowmen; in his assistance to the needy; in his efforts to secure higher standards of citizenship and of individual living. In a word, he sought progress and improvement along all lines nor was he ever content to choose the second best. In politics he was an active republican, for he took it to be the duty as well as the privilege of every American citizen to exercise his right of franchise and to support those principles and measures which he regarded as the most valuable features in the public life of city, state and country. Fraternally he was connected with Fountain Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M.

No better estimate of his character can be given than in quoting from those who were long associated with him. The editor of the Timberman said: "When a good man dies, all who know him mourn. Such a man was Orrin C. Steenberg, the well known sash, door and blind manufacturer of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and a wide circle of friends were grieved and shocked at his sudden death on

Thursday, May 17. Mr. Steenberg was not a great man, measured by his achievements, for he was modest and unambitious; he sought no brilliant success but was content to gain a modest fortune, with the esteem of his associates and the community in which he lived; that esteem being based on the lovable characteristics of the man and the good he had done. It is not so much of what he did as of what he was that we wish to speak, and yet the two are inseparably joined. What he did grew out of what he was, and in a measure what he was was determined by the lines in which his earlier years were spent. His ambitions were for others rather than for himself, and he was modest as far as personal credit was concerned but zealous for the good of others. He was a most companionable man. He had a good deal of the Puritan in his make-up and was a steadfast supporter of things he conceived to be right, but there was none of the Puritan intolerance in him; and while he would fight with all his might for temperance, for example, and use his personal influence to the greatest extent, both in public and private ways in this line, he had no condemnation for the individual who was weaker than himself. Mr. Steenberg valued money for what it would do rather than for itself, and had too great a love for other things in life to become very wealthy. This quality was undoubtedly largely due not only to his inborn tendencies but to the training received in his earlier years. He was a successful business man, but he might have been eminently so if he had set his heart on it. As it was, he was content with that which would enable him to do the good he wished to do in the community where he lived and to fill his place in the world honorably and well."

The high position which Mr. Steenberg occupied in public regard was further indicated in the fact that a memorial service was held for him in the Congregational church on Sunday evening following his passing. On that occasion Judge Giffin said: "Mr. Steenberg was a domestic man. First in his heart was his family and next his church and Sunday school work. While he was not a brilliant man he certainly was among that class of men who are most successful because most useful to the community in doing the greatest good possible. While he was not emotional in religion, he was strong in his convictions and at the same time charitable. He was a Christian in reality. With him it was a vital principle. He ever taught, 'Do this because it is right, shun this because it is wrong.' He was strong in his likes and yet it could scarcely be said he was strong in his dislikes. He did not feel at enmity with any on earth and was ever ready to speak a good word of those who disagreed with him. God estimates man by moral worth. Let us therefore remember and imitate his virtues. His good deeds and ours will never die but live as long as time shall last and extend into eternity." On the same occasion Maurice McKenna said: "It affords me pleasure on this solemn occasion to contribute what I can to the memory of the man whom we laid at rest yesterday. There were but few who did not know Mr. Steenberg. And yet he was a man far above the appreciation he received from the community. He was a modest man and yet I know he was a man of superior and finished education. It is thirty-one years since I first saw Mr. Steenberg, and I can now see him as I saw him then, when I entered the high school as a pupil. He was then a young man. It seemed from that moment as if I had known him for years. Although I was not identified with any society or organization of which he was a member, and was of a different nationality and creed, yet I am satisfied that he extended to me every courtesy and consideration that he did to those who were more closely associated with him. This is but an example of his broadness of mind and heart. He was not a narrow man. I had the honor to possess his confidence and spent many an evening with him at his home during the first summer of our acquaintance. He took such an interest in me that he made all the arrangements for me to attend college at his alma mater, without expense to myself, but just thirty years ago tomorrow I bid good-bye to Mr. Steenberg and went into the military service and all that program

was changed. The last time I ever met him was on the train coming up from Waukesha, about the time we were receiving the sad news of the death of Sam H. Hammond. I then had Mr. Hammond's last letter and my respect for poor Hammond was such that I showed it to but few people here. I should read it now if I had it but it is at present in the possession of the Rev. Mr. Kidder. Together Mr. Steenberg and I read over that letter and as was ever his custom he made very helpful observations which were exceedingly helpful and which were heard by his son who was returning from the military academy. At that time we compared ages and he spoke of two trees he had planted in the yard of the high school. He talked of the bright prospects of life hereafter and little did I dream then of this sad occasion which was to come so soon. When Mr. Holbrook asked me to speak he also asked me to prepare a few lines, which I have done in the brief time that has intervened.

"Dear honored friend, thy years are told,
Thy heart is still, thy brow is cold,
Thy life is done, thy toils are o'er—
Thy aches and ills—forevermore.
All that was mortal disappears
Behind a darkening mist of tears;
All that remains of one so brave—
A memory and a lonesome grave.
Thou know'st tonight, serenely mild,
Rienzi's rest beside thy child.

"We miss the sunlight of thy face
That graces so oft this solemn place,
Thy tender glance, thy kindly word
That nevermore shall here be heard.
Long after all these rites shall be,
Some saddened hearts will yearn for thee.
Thou wert so dear to us and ours,
The sunshine and the precious flowers
That brightened life, that gemmed our way,
And charmed existence day by day.

"How frail the thread, how slight the span,
On which revolves the life of man!
How transient is poor human breath!
'Tis sad—too sad—this chill of death,
O! for the hope that comes to bless
The darkest hours of men's distress,
The bleakest woe, the deepest gloom—
Unfolds a rose above the tomb,
A promise that, when time is o'er,
We greet our treasured dead once more.

"How can we spare from this stern earth
Thy sterling counsel, manly worth?
Thou faithful friend, preceptor kind,
Possessor of a lofty mind,
Among the myriads of men,
But few could be what thou hast been.

A heart that knew not how to spare,
That shed its blessing everywhere,
A rich, effulgent pentecost
Is what thy friends and loved ones lost.

"There are those here who turn their gaze
Back through the years to earlier days,
Where, in their schoolroom tasks immersed,
As girls and boys, they knew thee first.
Though time has swept apace since then,
Those girls grown women, boys grown men,
And, though in many paths they tread,
They all repine that thou art dead,
And naught can dim their love for thee
Till they, too, share eternity.

" 'Tis meet that thou art laid away
Amid the flowers and balm of May.
The coffin lid, the pulseless shroud,
May shade thy visage from the crowd,
May shut thee in, but that is all
That death can keep below the pall,
For years and years above thy tomb,
Thy honored life shall burst in bloom.
O God! Thou dost in all excel—
Dear, mute, dear friend, farewell, farewell!"

MATHIAS MAHLBERG.

Mathias Mahlberg, deceased, was well known in agricultural circles of Springvale township and the qualities of his manhood aside from his marked success as a farmer were such as to gain him the respect and friendship of those with whom he came in contact. In his agricultural career he won prosperity by reason of the straightforward, progressive and enterprising methods which he followed. He was born April 10, 1827, in Prussia, Germany, near Cologne, on the Rhine river. He was educated in the public schools of his native country and followed general farming in the section in which he was born until he came to the United States in 1855. He settled first in Auburn township, where he purchased forty acres of land to which he later added eighty acres. He cultivated the soil and was successful as a general agriculturist upon this tract until he moved to Washington county, where he purchased another farm, upon which he lived for three years. He later sold his one hundred and twenty acres in Washington county and came to Springvale township in 1891. Here he purchased one hundred and sixty-six acres of land on section 13 and began its cultivation. He was thrifty, hard-working, progressive and energetic, founding upon these qualities a success in life which was gratifying and well deserved. He died upon his holdings on April 15, 1898. He was one of the well known men of Springvale township and was in all the various relations of his life upright, straightforward and honorable.

Mathias Mahlberg was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Mahlberg, who was born July 11, 1834, in Prussia, Germany, and who died in Springvale township on September 27, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Mahlberg were the parents of eleven children. Matthew was born November 23, 1854, and died April 15, 1893. Mary, whose birth occurred June 9, 1858, became the wife of Joseph

Halbleib, of Kansas, and her death occurred on February 26, 1887. Peter was born on September 2, 1860, and died on December 18, 1909. John, born in Auburn township on November 4, 1862, is engaged in general farming upon the home property. He attended school in Auburn township and has been for many years one of the progressive and substantial agriculturists of his district. Margaret, born February 2, 1864, is the wife of P. D. Nigh, a farmer of Campbellsport. Helen, born June 1, 1866, is the wife of J. P. Fellenz, who is engaged in farming in Washington county. Katherine, born June 27, 1869, attended school in Auburn township and is keeping house for her brothers upon the old homestead. Frances was born February 7, 1871, and died December 4, 1910. Rosa, born March 6, 1874, is the wife of Bruno Winninger, a farmer of Hartford, Wisconsin. Susan was born February 19, 1878, and died June 27, 1904. Joseph, the youngest member of the family, was born December 2, 1879. He attended school in Washington county and is operating the old homestead in partnership with his brother John.

Mathias Mahlberg was a member of the Roman Catholic church of Woodhull. His children are now living upon the farm which he operated for so many years and its active management has been assumed by his sons, John and Joseph. The brothers are numbered among the substantial and representative agriculturists of the section, carrying on the enterprise founded by their father along modern, systematic and progressive lines. They are the proprietors of one of the finest and most highly improved farms in Fond du Lac county, which is well stocked and capably handled. They are progressive in politics, voting always for men regardless of party. They are not office seekers, being content to devote their entire time and energies to the carrying on of their important enterprise. Their success is the greatest evidence of the value and worth of the life of their father, who trained them to work earnestly and sincerely along lines which lead to worthy prosperity.

JAMES H. NOLAN.

Almost every civilized country on the face of the globe has sent representatives to Fond du Lac county. Among those furnished by Ireland was John Nolan, the father of James H. Nolan, whose name introduces this review. He was born and reared in Ireland, and having arrived at years of maturity wedded Rose Gallagher. They began their domestic life in their native country, but thinking to have better opportunities on this side of the Atlantic they came to the United States in 1853 and made their way at once to Manitowoc county, settling in Schleisingerville township where they lived for nine years. They then removed to Friendship township, Fond du Lac county, remaining there seven years and later moved on section 20, Eldorado township where they lived about twenty years and subsequently returned to Fond du Lac where the mother died in 1900. The father is still living and resides in Fond du Lac.

It was in Manitowoc county that James H. Nolan was born and reared, spending his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads who depend upon the public school for educational privileges and whose business training is received through the work of the fields. His practical experience well qualified him to take up the management of the farm on his own account and he is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, cultivating the crops best adapted to the soil and climate. He is a man of progressive spirit and all the buildings upon the farm today were erected by him. There is a comfortable dwelling and good barns and outbuildings furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock.

In 1894 Mr. Nolan was united in marriage to Miss Mary Whalen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Whalen, residents of Empire township. To them

has been born one child, a son, James, who is thirteen years of age. The parents are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic church and James H. Nolan gives his political support to the independent party and for a few years served as road master during which time he put forth earnest efforts to improve the public highways. In fact in all matters of citizenship he stands for progress and advancement.

JOHN BERGIN.

John Bergin, an enterprising and successful agriculturist residing on section 12, Eldorado township, has spent his entire life in Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred in the year 1862. His parents, Michael and Julia (Closey) Bergin, were natives of Ireland. The father came to Fond du Lac county in 1842 and here entered a tract of land from the government.

John Bergin obtained his education at Eldorado, this county, and since putting aside his text-books has been engaged in the work of the fields. All improvements which may now be seen on his farm of two hundred acres, on section 12, stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. The well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them, and thus his income has been gratifying.

In 1894, in North Fond du Lac, John Bergin was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Castin, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Castin. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bergin are eight in number, as follows: Francis, who is sixteen years of age; Edwin, a youth of fifteen; William, who is thirteen years old; Timothy, Veronica, David and Mansfield, who are eleven, eight, seven and five years of age respectively; and Helen, one year old.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise John Bergin has supported the men and measures of the democratic party, believing firmly in the principles of that organization. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church and his life has been upright and honorable in all its relations, commanding the regard and esteem of those with whom he has come in contact.

ALBERT N. TRIPP.

Albert N. Tripp, who engages in general farming in Osceola township, is a representative of one of Fond du Lac county's esteemed pioneer families. His parents, Ephraim Robbins and Sarah (Bartlett) Tripp, were natives of Oneida county, New York, the father's birth having occurred on the 28th of August, 1815, and that of the mother on August 19, 1820. The paternal grandfather was John Tripp, likewise a native of the Empire state, where he engaged in farming until his death. In November 1854, Ephraim Tripp, together with his wife and children, of whom there were then seven, removed to Wisconsin. They first located in Walworth county, remaining there until March, 1861, when they came to Fond du Lac county. Here the father farmed as a renter for three years, and then purchased a place in Eden township, in the further improvement and cultivation of which he engaged until his death, in 1876. He had long survived the mother, who passed away in 1863. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tripp, all of whom are still living. In order of birth they are as follows: Sarah, now Mrs. Olmsted; John, who resides in Fond du Lac; Mary, now Mrs. E. C. Airhart; Chester; Margaret; Hannah; Eugene; Jennie; and Albert, our subject.



EDWARD C. AIRHART

Albert N. Tripp was reared at home and educated in the district schools. He early assumed his share of the duties in connection with the cultivation of the farm, remaining at home until after the death of his father. He has since made his home with his brothers and sisters and is now operating the farm of Mrs. Airhart, which is one of the attractive and valuable properties of Osceola township.

Mary Tripp, now Mrs. E. C. Airhart, was born in the state of New York on the 17th of January, 1845, and there received her early schooling. She was a child of nine years when her parents located in Wisconsin, which has since been her home. She was a very ambitious girl and made the most of her meager opportunities in her efforts to avail herself of a better education. After completing the course of the district schools she attended the high school in Fond du Lac and then went to teaching, thus obtaining the money to continue her studies at the Geneva Seminary, which institution she attended for a time.

In 1868 Mary Tripp became the wife of Edward C. Airhart, a son of John and Mary (Kilmer) Airhart. John Airhart was a son of Michael and Magdalene Ehrhardt, for so the name was originally spelled, and was born in Alsace, Germany, in 1790. He lived with his parents to the age of sixteen years and was then drafted for service in Napoleon's army. He was under the command of that intrepid military leader during the siege of Spain, doing active duty as a private soldier in the infantry. He participated in many battles and sharp skirmishes, experiencing all the hardships that came to those who served under Napoleon. Ere two years had passed he was captured in Spain and taken to Gibraltar, where he remained several months, after which he was held as a prisoner of war on the island of Malta in the Mediterranean sea. He was next sent to America, where the War of 1812 was in progress. At the battle of Plattsburg, New York, becoming tired of enforced service as a soldier, he laid down his arms and was given a pass by the United States superintendent on the 15th of September, 1814. The original pass is still in possession of his descendants. This terminated his military experience. He spelled his name in German on giving it to the superintendent, who wrote it Airhart instead of following the original spelling Ehrhardt, and, as John Airhart could neither read nor write or speak the English language, he knew nothing of this change in orthography and the name has since been written in the present form.

After leaving the army John Airhart made his way by degrees southward and hired out to a farmer by the name of Peter Spaun near Albany, New York. He afterward went to the town of Bethlehem, in Albany county, New York, and on the 15th of September, 1815, he was married there to Mary (McCarg) Kilmer, the daughter of William and Mary (Ostrander) Kilmer. By her first marriage Mrs. Airhart had a daughter and by her second marriage nine children were born, namely: Eveline, who married John S. Tupper; Mary Magdalene, the wife of Nathan Cary; Sarah and Dinah, both of whom died in childhood; Edward C.; Helen, who married Washington Nobles; William B.; John H., who enlisted as a private in Company G, Fourteenth Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteers, during the Civil war and died at Devalls Bluff, Arkansas; and Martha J., who became the wife of H. S. Clark.

Soon after his marriage John Airhart purchased six acres in the town of Bethlehem, which he afterward sold, and in 1830 he bought of William Sill, a farm of thirty-three acres. This he later sold and invested in eighty acres in Schoharie, New York, lying along the Hudson river, near Castleton. Upon that place he resided until 1848, when he disposed of the property and with his family came to Wisconsin. It was not until 1837 that he secured his naturalization papers, which are still in possession of the family. The journey westward was made by canal boat to Buffalo and thence around the lakes. They landed at Sheboygan, where Mr. Airhart left his family and started with his eldest son, Edward, on foot to find a favorable location. They pursued a westerly

course and at length bought of William Oliver two hundred acres in the township of Osceola, Fond du Lac county, whereon John Airhart resided until his death in October, 1880. In the meantime he purchased other tracts of land in the same township, eighty acres of which he deeded to one daughter, forty acres each to two others and one hundred and twenty acres to a son, William B., who sold the property and removed to Fond du Lac, where he died in 1889. The land which was purchased of Mr. Oliver was partly under cultivation, but the only building thereon was a crude log shanty. The following year Mr. Airhart built a barn, hauling the lumber from Sheboygan, which was also his grain market. There were only four families in the town at that time, but settlers came rapidly, although log houses and shanties were the only houses to be seen for a considerable period. Mr. Airhart owned the first team of horses in the town. He regarded this as a necessity, however, as the nearest mill was at Mayville, and it would have been very difficult to have made the journey thither on foot to secure the grist. The marriage of his daughter Helen to Washington Nobles in 1849 was the first marriage celebrated in the town and her death in the same year occasioned the first burial in the town. In the summer of 1851 Mr. Airhart built a residence for his family, which is still in good condition and stands on the original foundation. With the help of his sons more land was cleared each year and as time passed the family prospered, their home being a place of hospitality and good cheer, their friends being ever sure of a cordial welcome.

Mr. Airhart was a man of many sterling qualities. He became thoroughly American in spirit and interest, although originally forced to adopt this land as a place of residence. He lived to the venerable age of ninety years and during that period never heard from any of his people whom he left at the age of sixteen. After his death a niece and her family were found in Washington county, although she is now deceased. Other members of the Ehrhardt family, however, are still living there. Mr. Airhart was a staunch republican and was a member of the Dutch Reformed church. The remains of him and his wife rest in a vault in the Empire cemetery, and all honor is due them as pioneer residents of Fond du Lac county, to the upbuilding and development of which they contributed largely.

Their son, Edward C. Airhart was born March 16, 1828, in Bethlehem, Albany county, New York, and his boyhood and early manhood was spent in the home of his parents, during which period he attended school during the winter months and in the summer seasons worked on the farm. He was the eldest son and his steady habits and reliable disposition made him early the choice of his parents as the staff of their old age. He repaid parental love and care by filial devotion, doing everything in his power to render them happy and comfortable in their later years. In June, 1848, he came to Wisconsin with the family and was of great assistance to his father in the selection of a home in the new west and in the development of a farm. Reaching Sheboygan, he and his father started on foot in search of a favorable location and finally determined upon the township of Osceola, in Fond du Lac county, where they purchased a large tract of land of two hundred acres that in time was converted into the old homestead. One of the other brothers, William, became a carpenter and the younger brother, John, lost his life in the Civil war, but Edward C. Airhart remained at home, cultivating the farm for his father and caring for his parents, both of whom lived to the advanced age of ninety years.

In 1852 Edward C. Airhart was married to Miss Sarah J. Walters, a daughter of Aaron Walters, of the town of Eden. She died in 1867, leaving a daughter, Helen, who became the wife of Andrew Pasenger and removed to Lowville, Lewis county, New York, but after the death of her husband she returned to the west and now resides in Fond du Lac. In 1868 Edward C. Airhart wedded Mary Tripp, a daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Bartlett)

Tripp, of the town of Eden, and formerly a successful teacher of Fond du Lac county. Three daughters were born unto them: Edith May, whose birth occurred July 10, 1869, and who became the wife of George Cary; Mary Eveline, who was born October 5, 1872, and is the wife of Charles W. Hughes; and Olive Marguerite, who was born January 21, 1884, and is the wife of Guy E. Bemis.

Mr. Airhart was a stanch republican, always taking an active and helpful part in conventions and holding many local offices. He never sought office but was once nominated to represent his district in the general assembly, but an adherent of the republican faith could not be elected because of the large democratic majority. He was of a jovial nature and generous disposition and was a much loved neighbor and a good citizen, who had a host of friends, who were always welcome guests in his home. Failing health made it necessary for him to leave the farm and in the fall of 1904 he removed to the city of Fond du Lac, where he hoped to spend many years in rest and freedom from care. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Campbellsport and assisted in building the small but beautiful church edifice there. He took a deep interest in the various lines of church work and lived a life in harmony with his professions. On the 26th of December, 1904, he was taken suddenly ill and after four weeks passed away, January 23, 1905, his remains being interred by the side of his parents in Empire cemetery. After his death his widow took possession of and still resides on the old homestead, her younger brother, Albert N. Tripp, looking after the interests of the farm for her. He has done much to improve its fertility besides relieving her of its care and management. Both the Airhart and Tripp families deserve more than passing notice in the history of Fond du Lac county because of the prominent part which they have played in its upbuilding and in the work of public progress as the years have gone on.

LEANDER J. SHELDON.

Leander J. Sheldon, proprietor of the Onward stock, grain and poultry farm, occupies a nice home in the midst of a tract of one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 22, Metomen township, where he carries on general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of timothy seed. He was born in Colchester county, Nova Scotia, March 18, 1842, his parents being Matthew and Jane (Turner) Sheldon, both of whom were natives of Nova Scotia, the former of German and Irish descent and the latter of English and Irish lineage. The father, who was a millwright by trade, came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1850, taking up his abode in Metomen township, Fond du Lac county, where in June, 1851, he was joined by his wife and children. He purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 22, constituting the farm that is now the property of his son Leander, and both he and his wife remained upon that place until called to their final rest. In the family were four children of whom our subject was the youngest. The others, George, Benjamin and Julia, are all deceased.

Leander J. Sheldon was about nine years of age when the family removed to this state and his youthful days were spent as a pupil in district school No. 6, in Metomen township. Through the summer months he assisted his father on the farm and continued in the work of the fields until after the crops were harvested in the late autumn. He remained with his parents and cared for them until their death and he has always followed the occupation of farming as a means of livelihood.

On the 20th of February, 1868, Mr. Sheldon was married to Miss Amanda Elizabeth Ingalls, a daughter of Jedediah and Kate (Helmer) Ingalls, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York. The father was of Scotch

lineage while the mother was a representative of an old Dutch family. On removing westward to Wisconsin in pioneer times he settled in Sheboygan county and took up government land. His wife in her maidenhood came to this state with her parents, who also settled in Sheboygan county and Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls were married there. A few years later Mr. Ingalls went to Minnesota and was killed at the time of the Indian massacre. His widow afterward became the wife of Simon Dennis, a farmer of Green Lake county, and a few years later they sold their property there and went to Fond du Lac county, where they lived for a time. Mr. Dennis died in Green Lake county, but Mrs. Dennis is still living. Her children were: Jane, now deceased; Mrs. Sheldon, who was born in Sheboygan county, July 21, 1850; and George W., a farmer of Spirit Lake, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have been born three children: Benjamin F., whose birth occurred December 22, 1868, and who assists in the operation of the home farm; George Matthew, who was born March 3, 1870, and is an attorney of Tomahawk, Wisconsin; and Julia A., who was born June 1, 1873, and is the wife of Dr. Elvin Jackson, a veterinary surgeon of Caldwell, Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon occupy an attractive home upon their farm of one hundred and twenty acres which is highly improved with all modern equipment and accessories. He carries on farming along progressive lines and his success is evidenced in the appearance of the place. He belongs to no secret society and to no church, and in politics is independent. He prefers to form his opinions according to the dictates of his judgment and while thoroughly independent, he at the same time recognizes his duties of citizenship and is ready to aid any measure promoted for the public good.

CHARLES A. GAUGER.

Charles A. Gauger is the owner of one hundred and thirty acres of land known as the Metomen Sheep Farm, located on section 36, Metomen township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and upon this property he carries on one of the largest sheep-raising enterprises in this section of the country. By his scientific methods and his specialized knowledge he has accomplished his own prosperity and has made his influence felt in the growth and expansion of the industry with which he is connected. He was born in Cooperstown township, Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, April 11, 1873, and is a son of William and Wilhelmina (Volbrecht) Gauger, natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1852, making the journey with his parents. He was then only two and a half years of age and was reared and educated in Milwaukee. When he grew to manhood he went to Manitowoc county, where he took up timber land and followed farming for a number of years. In 1879 he came to Fond du Lac county, locating in Metomen township, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of unimproved land on section 36, just across the road from the place where Charles A. Gauger's farm is now located. At different times he added to his property holdings and owned at the time of his death over five hundred acres, well improved and intelligently developed. He died upon this place on August 2, 1902, and his wife remained upon the original property until 1908, when she rented the farm and moved to the village of Brandon, where she now resides. They were the parents of six children, of whom Charles A., of this review, is the eldest. The others are: Fred, a farmer residing in Springvale township, Fond du Lac county; Ida, the wife of Herman Koehler, of Brandon; Bertha, who married August Toll, a farmer of Metomen township; Amelia, the wife of Fred Dornbrock, of Milwaukee; and Tillie, who wedded Louis Enz, a resident of Alto township, this county.

Charles A. Gauger received his education in Union Prairie school, No. 8, Metomen township, and was from his earliest youth interested in agriculture assisting his father in the work of the home farm. When he was twenty-six years of age he started his independent career, cultivating one hundred and thirty acres of land which were given to him by his father. He lives upon this property, which is located a mile southeast of the village, and has brought his entire tract to a high state of cultivation. It is known as the Metomen Sheep Farm, taking its name from the principal industry which Mr. Gauger carries on.

He first became identified with sheep-raising in 1880, when his father began the breeding of fancy sheep. They started with herds of Cottswold, Shropshire and Merino sheep, and these breeds Charles A. Gauger is still raising but is gradually getting in the finer wool grades. He has a herd of seventy ewes and raises on an average of fifty lambs annually for the fancy markets of the state. He is deeply interested in his work and scientifically efficient in the operation of his enterprise, and his success is the natural result of his long experience and his careful and conservative methods.

In 1899 Charles A. Gauger was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Olp, a daughter of Robert and Mathilda Olp, natives of Germany. The father came to the United States in 1854 and located in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin. His wife came to America a few years later and they are now living upon their original farm in Manitowoc county. Mr. Olp has a deed for his property signed by James K. Polk. To Mr. and Mrs. Olp were born eight children, as follows: Otto, a resident of Medford, Minnesota; Julia, the wife of Otto Knoth, of Cooperstown, Wisconsin; William, residing in St. Louis; Helena, deceased wife of Herman Gauger, of Cooperstown; Gustave, of Waupun, Wisconsin; Rosa, who became Mrs. Charles A. Gauger; Bertha, who married William Wagner, of Metomen township; and Robert, residing near Reedville, Manitowoc county. Mr. and Mrs. Gauger are well known in social and religious circles of the village of Brandon. They hold membership in the German Lutheran church. To their union have been born three children, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The others are: William, who was named for his paternal grandfather and great-grandfather, and who was born February 25, 1903, and is attending school No. 8, of Metomen township; and Esther, whose birth occurred July 25, 1906, and who is attending the same school. In his political affiliations Charles A. Gauger is a consistent democrat and always votes the party ticket although he has never sought public office. He is one of the substantial and representative citizens of his district who are interested in the various phases of public life. He is a stockholder of the Farmers Creamery and Farmers Elevator Companies of Brandon, in which capacity he has influenced the policies of those organizations. He is a charter member of the American Society of Equity in Brandon, and has been for many years an influential figure in that organization. Thirty-two years' identification with the various details connected with the raising and care of fancy grades of sheep have established him among the men whose intelligence and conservative management of a private enterprise make them valued and representative citizens of the community.

WILLIAM BINDERT.

William Bindert is the owner of an excellent farm of eighty-five acres on section 15, Eldorado township, and in its operation has met with well merited success. His birth occurred in Germany in the year 1845, his parents being William and Wilhelma Bindert. It was in 1873, when our subject was a young man of twenty-eight years, that the family home was established in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

William Bindert, Jr., has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career. He is now the owner of a valuable and productive farm of eighty-five acres on section 15, Eldorado township, on which he erected the buildings and made all improvements. His principal crops are barley and oats, which he sells to local dealers. He is industrious and energetic and has ever followed the most modern methods of agriculture, so that his labors have been attended with excellent results.

In 1875 Mr. Bindert was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Prenslow, by whom he has four sons and three daughters. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life. He has been a resident of Fond du Lac county for almost four decades and is well known and highly esteemed within its borders.

MICHAEL R. PERCELL.

Michael R. Percell has been recognized for many years as one of the leading agriculturists of Fond du Lac county. He was born in Lodi, Wisconsin, November 4, 1854, and was educated in the public schools of that city until he entered business life as an employe of the American Express Company at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in which capacity he served for twenty-five years. He resigned this position to take up agricultural pursuits in which he is at present engaged. His land is part of the old Carberry estate situated a few miles out, on the Oshkosh road. Under his management the fields have become more productive than ever before and new branches of farming have been introduced by him, buildings have been erected and improved farming implements installed. Mr. Percell takes great interest in his farm and gives much attention to its beauty of appearance. He maintains it in the highest state of productivity and has become known in Friendship township as one of the most capable men in his chosen line of activity.

Michael R. Percell was united in marriage April 24, 1891, in St. Joseph's church of Fond du Lac, to Miss Mary Jane Carberry, a member of the prominent family of that name living at Carberry Corners, in Fond du Lac county. Their married life has been exceptionally happy and much of the beauty and comfort of the homestead is due to the untiring efforts and energies of Mrs. Percell.

Michael R. Percell was a charter member of the Wisconsin National Guard and retained his connection with that organization for about five years. He consistently votes the democratic ticket on national and local issues but takes no active part in public affairs. At the age of fifty-eight he apparently has many years of active and industrious life before him and his future success estimated by his past fortunes is practically assured.

CHARLES E. ANDERSON.

Charles E. Anderson has been for many years a prominent and active farmer in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he has gained a reputation for thorough knowledge in the details of practical agriculture. He was born in the town of Friendship, on February 24, 1858, and is a son of William S. and Sarah (Irwin) Anderson, natives of England. He was educated in the public schools of his native township. The farm which he operates he inherited from his parents. It was entirely unimproved and covered with timber at the time his father purchased it, but under capable and wise management and by arduous labor and

constant application it was soon transformed into a modern and up-to-date tract of land.

Charles E. Anderson was married in Friendship in 1897 to Miss Minnie Conole, and they have become the parents of two children: William, aged eleven years; and Madeline, aged nine, both of whom live on the home farm with their parents. Mr. Anderson has always been affiliated with the republican party but takes no active part in local politics, preferring to give his attention entirely to the many details of farm life. He is a prominent Episcopalian, active in religious circles, and is well known and popular in the community in which he resides.

JOHN L. SCOTT.

John L. Scott, a well known agriculturist and representative citizen of Metomen township, owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and three acres on section 25. His birth occurred in Ontario, Canada, on the 29th of December, 1859, his parents being John and Anne (Crowel) Scott, who were natives of Canada and Ireland respectively. The father, a farmer by occupation, was of Scotch-Mohawk-Dutch descent. In 1869 he crossed the border into the United States, purchasing and locating on the farm of one hundred and three acres which is now in possession of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. John Scott resided thereon continuously until 1903, when they took up their abode in Brandon, where the latter passed away in 1906. She had emigrated to Canada in 1829 and was married in that country. After the demise of his wife John Scott, Sr., returned to the home farm, living with his son John until called to his final rest in 1907. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had been a resident of this county for almost four decades and had become well known and highly esteemed within its borders. To him and his wife were born the following children: Patience V., who lives with her brother John; Zenas F., who passed away in 1907; Samuel Morris, who was drowned in Little Green Lake; John L., of this review; Mary R., the wife of Fayette Butts, of Brandon; James A., a ranchman; and William S. and David H., who are ranchmen of Wyoming.

John L. Scott obtained his early education in school No. 8, of the joint district comprising Metomen, Springvale, Alto and Waupun townships and Brandon high school from which he graduated. After putting aside his text-books he sold sewing machines for two or three years and then worked at the carpenter's trade in Brandon for three years. Subsequently he spent one year in Minnesota and two years in South Dakota and then returned to Brandon, here working at his trade for three more years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and has since resided on the home farm of one hundred and three acres in Metomen township, which he purchased from his father prior to the latter's death. In addition to the cultivation of cereals he also devotes considerable attention to stock-raising and in both branches of his business has won success. He has ten dairy cows and is breeding into the Guernsey line. He is a shareholder in the Brandon Creamery Association and the County Fair Association.

On the 10th of February, 1901, John L. Scott was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Inglis, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Murray) Inglis, who were born, reared and married in Scotland. They emigrated to the United States in 1857, locating two miles south of Brandon, in Alto township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. Mr. Inglis there purchased land and followed farming until 1910, when he removed to Brandon, where he has since lived in honorable retirement and is enjoying good health at the age of eighty-seven years.

His wife passed away on the farm in 1898. They had seven children, as follows: Agnes, who is deceased; Agnes, the second of the name, who is the wife of Alex McDonald, employed as shipping clerk in the iron works at Johnstown, Pennsylvania; William, who resides on the old home farm in Alto township, this county; Jessie, who lives at Brandon with her father; Mary, the wife of Allen McDonald, a mail carrier of Bellemead, New Jersey; Nellie, who gave her hand in marriage to Alex Whitton, manager of the Roberts Produce Company of Roberts, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Margaret Scott. The last named is the mother of four children: Anna Elizabeth, who was born on the 28th of November, 1901; Hattie May, whose birth occurred on the 1st of May, 1903; William Inglis, born August 26, 1906; and Margaret Agnes, whose natal day was February 8, 1911. The first three named attend school in joint district No. 8.

In politics John L. Scott is independent, voting for men and measures rather than party. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He served as clerk of Metomen township for nine years and is now acting in the capacity of township treasurer for the fifth year. The cause of education has always found in him a stanch champion and for a number of years he served as director and clerk in joint school district No. 8. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 144 at Brandon. His wife is a devoted member of the Congregational church at Brandon. He is ever true to any trust reposed in him and his upright life merits the high regard which is uniformly tendered him.

FRED E. GAUGER.

Progressive and systematic agriculture finds a worthy representative in Fred E. Gauger, operating a fine tract of land of three hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Springvale township, upon which he carries on general farming, stock-raising and dairying. He is one of the men who by scientific, efficient and thoroughly modern methods are raising agricultural standards in this section of the state and his prosperity has had its influence upon the resources of his district. He is a native son of Wisconsin, having been born in Manitowoc county on October 15, 1874, and is a son of William and Wilhelmina (Volbrecht) Gauger, natives of Germany. His father came to America with his parents in 1852, when he was only two and a half years old and he was reared and educated in Milwaukee where the family settled. When he had attained his majority he went to Manitowoc county and followed general agriculture in that section for a number of years. His residence in Fond du Lac county dates from 1879, in which year he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of unimproved land on section 36, Metomen township. At different times during his life he added to this property and owned over five hundred acres at the time of his death, which occurred on August 2, 1902. His wife remained upon the homestead until 1908 when she rented the farm and moved to the village of Brandon, where she now resides. Mr. and Mrs. William Gauger were the parents of six children: Charles A., a prominent sheep-raiser of Metomen township; Fred E., the subject of this sketch; Ida, the wife of Herman Koehler, of Brandon; Bertha, who married August Toll, a farmer of Metomen township; Amelia, the wife of Fred Dornbrock, of Milwaukee; and Tillie, who married Louis Enz, a resident of Alto township.

Fred E. Gauger attended school in district No. 8, Metomen township and from his early childhood has been identified with agricultural pursuits. He aided his father in the minor duties of farming when he was a child and as he grew up became connected with all the departments of general agriculture. He remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age and then took up his residence

upon the Pleasant Hill farm, a tract of one hundred and ninety-eight acres which he acquired from his father's estate. This he improved and operated for three years, finally renting the land and moving to Brandon, where he purchased town property. He lived in the village for six years and then bought his present farm of three hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Springvale township, from Joseph H. Dixon. Here he carries on general farming, stock-raising and dairying, keeping a herd of sixteen milch cows for the latter purpose. He rents his other farm of one hundred and ninety-eight acres on section 21 and devotes his entire time and attention to making his farm productive and remunerative. The land which he is cultivating is one of the valuable properties in the district in which he resides and is equipped in all its appointments for the careful and scientific conduct of a modern agricultural enterprise. He is one of the best known German farmers in Springvale township, successful and thoroughly progressive and has gained his enviable position by hard work and unwavering industry, combined with practical business methods and integrity of a high order.

On October 13, 1901, Mr. Gauger was united in marriage to Miss Hulda Wendlandt, a daughter of Julius and Wilhelmina (Kruger) Wendlandt, natives of Germany. Her father was born March 20, 1839, and her mother on January 17, 1843, in Bromberg, Posen. They came to the United States and were married in 1886, at Manchester, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, whither the father had removed after four years' residence in Fond du Lac county. After his marriage he purchased a farm in Randolph township, Columbia county, and this he operated and improved for nine years before moving to Fox Lake township in Dodge county. After eight years spent in general agricultural pursuits in that section he went to Manchester township, Green Lake county, where he purchased a farm of two hundred and seventy-six acres upon which he resided until his death, which occurred on March 20, 1899. His wife survives him and is living upon the homestead with her son Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Wendlandt had two children: Edward G., who is operating the old homestead; and Hulda, the wife of our subject. To Mr. and Mrs. Gauger have been born two children: Ella, whose birth occurred on January 25, 1903, and who is a pupil in district school, No. 8, Metomen township; and Edwin, who was born on October 22, 1904, and who is attending the same school.

In his political views Mr. Gauger is a consistent republican and is now serving as treasurer of school district No. 3 of Springvale township. He has always been interested in education and is doing much constructive and progressive work along this line. He is a loyal promoter of local enterprises and is always anxious to hasten the progress and development of the section in which he resides. He is a stockholder in the Waupun Dairy Company of Waupun township and he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church. In his systematic labors and their adequate results, in his straightforward and honorable business policy, and in the high standards of attainment by which he directs his activities Mr. Gauger is worthy of the high esteem in which he is held and deserves the place which he has gained among substantial and representative citizens of Fond du Lac county.

JOHN HAVEY.

John Havey, who died upon his farm on section 13 of Springvale township in 1893, was one of the progressive, well known and highly respected agriculturalists of this district and for many years operated and improved the tract of land upon which he settled when he first came to America. During that time he gained recognition among his many friends in Fond du Lac county as a conscientious, energetic and thoroughly reliable agriculturist and as a man who by an honorable,

upright and worthy life was a distinct addition to the qualities of citizenship in his district. He was born in County Longford, Ireland, in 1834 and was a son of James and Mary Havey, who came to America in 1848 and after a short period of residence in Illinois located in Springvale township on a farm.

Here John Havey grew to manhood. He began his education in Ireland and spent his youth since coming to America in aiding his father in the work of the farm. When he began his agricultural career he purchased forty acres, to which he added from time to time until he owned two hundred acres, highly improved and productive. He kept abreast of the steady advancement in the methods and details of farm operation, erected modern and up-to-date buildings and planted his acres always in the most suitable grains. He was active until the time of his death, which occurred in 1893. After he passed away his sons, John L. and William, entered into partnership and managed the homestead for their mother. In 1902 John L. Havey purchased the farm of eighty acres and operated this in conjunction with his father's property until his mother's death. After that event William Havey purchased one hundred and twenty acres of the homestead and added this to his brother's holdings, making a two hundred acre property, in the development and operation of which they have been associated since that time. They rent eighty acres adjoining and in 1912 the brothers added ninety-five acres which they bought from the Grant estate, just west of their holdings. Upon this fine tract of land they carry on general farming and stock-raising and operate a modern dairy, keeping a herd of forty high-grade Holsteins for this purpose, the head of the herd being a registered animal. They have won prosperity and success and have built up upon the same conservative foundation as their father.

At Bloomington, Illinois, John Havey was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kelley, a native of County Leitrim, Ireland, who died in February, 1909, at the home of her sons, John and William. Mr. and Mrs. Havey became the parents of four children. Margaret A. is living with her brothers on the home farm. James K. married Margaret Pettit and is engaged in farming in Springvale township. John L. was born upon the home farm on July 2, 1874, and attended school in district No. 2. He worked at home until his father died and then formed a partnership with his brother William in the conduct of the homestead. William was born upon his father's farm on November 22, 1876, and also attended district school No. 2. He supplemented his primary education by one year in the Rosendale high school and remained at home until 1902, when he began his present activities in association with his brother. He owns the old homestead of one hundred and twenty acres and lives with his sister Margaret and his brother John L.

John Havey gave his support to the democratic party but never sought political preferment. He gave his allegiance to the Roman Catholic church, of which religion his wife and children are devout adherents. He was one of the sterling and substantial citizens of Fond du Lac county, who sought his success in a field of labor which repaid his practical methods and his unflagging industry by prosperity and success. The condition of his farm at the time of his death was a credit to his progressive agricultural methods and to his business judgment and the property is today a valuable addition to the resources of his section.

EDWARD H. BRAATZ.

Edward H. Braatz owns and operates one hundred and thirty acres of land on section 26, Springvale township, and upon this property carries on general farming and stock-raising, operating also a fine dairy. In his cultivation of the soil he shows himself familiar with the best and most modern methods of ag-

riculture. He has lived in Wisconsin all his life and upon his present farm since 1885. He was born in Ashippun township, Dodge county, January 13, 1883, and is a son of William Braatz, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

Edward Braatz attended the district schools of his native county and remained with his parents until he established his own home by his marriage. He rented land from his father and continued to carry on general farming upon that property for two years, finally buying one hundred and thirty acres upon which he still resides. This place has all the equipments of a model farm, although Mr. Braatz engages in agricultural pursuits only in order to obtain feed for the stock which he breeds and raises. He sells direct to the shipper and has built up an important enterprise by upright methods and honorable dealings. He also operates a dairy, keeping a fine herd of graded Holstein cows for this purpose. His industry and activity are aiding and hastening his success. He is practical in his methods and his expert knowledge united with his well directed efforts is the basis of a gratifying prosperity.

On August 31, 1904, Mr. Braatz was united in marriage to Miss Harriett Tourtellotte, a daughter of Ara and Rebecca (Wilkinson) Tourtellotte. Her father was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, on July 7, 1845, and is of English and Yankee stock. He came to Waupun with his parents when he was only five years of age and attended the district schools of that section. After his marriage he took up farming, buying eighty acres of land two miles south of Ladoga, to which he added from time to time until he now owns two hundred and twelve acres. After the death of his wife, which occurred on May 29, 1901, he retired from active farm work and rented his property to his son George, with whom he makes his home. He is a stockholder in the Rosendale State Bank and also in the Farmers Elevator Company of Waupun and is in all respects an able, enterprising and progressive man. His wife was born in Springvale township on January 6, 1851, and was of English descent. They had seven children: Frederic and Jennie, both of whom have passed away; Lydia, the wife of Arthur Jaques of Springvale township; George, who is engaged in the operation of the home farm; Lula, who married Levi Pinkerton, a farmer of Ladoga; Harriett, the wife of our subject, who was born December 3, 1885, in Waupun township; and Grover C., who is engaged in farming in Waupun. Mr. and Mrs. Braatz are the parents of one son, Glen Edward, who was born on the 2d of July, 1905.

In his political beliefs our subject is a consistent republican but gives his entire time and attention to promoting his stock-raising interests and never seeks public office. He and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal church of Ladoga. In all his business dealings Mr. Braatz has been thoroughly reliable and straightforward and has manifested that progressive spirit which is making modern farming a different and more scientific occupation.

JACOB WELLHOUSE.

Jacob Wellhouse for over half of a century has been identified with the agricultural development of Fond du Lac county and has added to the progress and growth of his section but is now living retired in Brandon. He was born in Holland, January 1, 1834, and is a son of John and Henrietta (Leafing) Wellhouse, both natives of that country, where their marriage occurred. They came to the United States in December, 1847, locating immediately in Fond du Lac county, where the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Alto township. He was numbered among the earliest settlers in this region and re-

mained upon his original tract of land until his death in 1865. His wife survived him two years, dying in 1867.

Jacob Wellhouse came to America with his parents when he was but a boy. He attended school in Holland until he was nine years old and completed his education after he arrived in Fond du Lac county. He stayed with his parents until 1855 and aided his father in the work of carrying on his large agricultural enterprise. Following his marriage he built a house upon a portion of the homestead and there remained for nineteen years. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred and sixty-two and one-half acres on section 1, Alto township, and improved and cultivated the soil on that property for many years. He made agriculture a systematic study, his methods were modern, his equipment up to date and his knowledge of farm economics brought his property to a high state of productive efficiency. He retired from active life in 1897, renting his farm and removing to the village of Brandon, where he now resides.

Mr. Wellhouse has been twice married. His first union occurred in 1855, when he wedded Miss Johanna Terhorst, whose parents lived and died in Holland, in which country their daughter was born on April 19, 1836. She came to the United States and to Fond du Lac county with her brothers. To this union were born five children: John, who was born October 5, 1856, in Fond du Lac county, and is now following farming in Alto township; Henry, whose birth occurred on the 9th of April, 1858, in Fond du Lac county, and who is now engaged in agriculture in Alto township; Eliza, born April 19, 1861, who makes her home with her brother Henry; Gerrit, whose birth occurred on the 21st of April, 1864, and who also lives with Henry Wellhouse; and Jacob, born in 1866, who is now following farming in Metomen township. Mrs. Wellhouse passed away in 1893 and in 1897 our subject was again married. His second wife was Mrs. Dena Stelsole, who was born in Holland and came to the United States with her parents, locating on a farm in Alto township.

In his political views Mr. Wellhouse is a consistent democrat and served for four years as treasurer of his township and for the same length of time as assessor. He was also school clerk for four years, being interested in education. He belongs to the Congregational church of Brandon. He is now living in comparative retirement in that city, where he enjoys the warm regard and personal esteem of his many friends.

EMIL HOLLANDER.

Emil Hollander, a well known agriculturist residing on section 26, Springvale township, is the owner of a tract of land comprising one hundred and twenty acres and devotes his attention to the pursuits of general farming and stock-raising. His birth occurred in Germany, on the 8th of May, 1865, his parents being Henry and Rosa (Greenwald) Hollander, who were likewise natives of that country. The father owned and operated a brickyard in Germany. In 1885 he brought his family to America, locating in Waupun township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he took up farming after working for a time in a brickyard in the city of Fond du Lac. After a year, however, he removed to Oak Center, where he resided for twelve months. In 1888 he purchased and located on the farm in Springvale township which is now the home of his son Otto. This was his place of abode throughout the remainder of his life, his demise occurring on the 17th of November, 1900. His widow survives and makes her home with her children who are eleven in number, as follows: Emil, of this review; Frederica, the wife of Albert Raube, of Waupun, Wisconsin; Charles, of Omro, Wisconsin; Max, who lives in the city of Fond du Lac; Albert, a resident of Clark

county, Wisconsin; William, of Woodhull, Wisconsin; Annie, the wife of Frank Trepto, of Woodhull, Wisconsin; Frank, who makes his home in Milwaukee; Lizzie, the wife of Frank Schultz, of Woodhull, this state; Otto, who resides on the home farm in Springvale township; and Henry, of Rogersville, Wisconsin.

Emil Hollander attended the schools of his native land in the acquirement of an education and in December, 1885, accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. He was here employed as a farm hand for three years and then spent a similar period in the table factory at Fond du Lac. Subsequently he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land in Dodge county for six years. During the following three years he operated a rented farm five miles north of the village of Waupun and in 1902 bought a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 26, Springvale township, in the cultivation and improvement of which he has since been continuously engaged. In addition to the production of cereals he devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock and has a dairy herd of seventeen cows, which are good grades crossed with registered Holsteins. In 1910 he built a handsome new residence, modern and up to date in every respect. He is a stockholder in the Brick Cheese Company of Springvale township and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and representative citizens of his community.

In 1892 Mr. Hollander was united in marriage to Miss Emma Zelmar, who passed away on the farm in Dodge county in 1899. She was the mother of the following children: William, who died when but five weeks old; Arthur, twin brother to William, who assists his father in the operation of the home farm; and Alfred, who also assists in the work on the home place. In 1902 Mr. Hollander was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Anna (Gensmer) Kaler, a daughter of August and Albertine (Ganica) Gensmer, both of whom were natives of Germany. August Gensmer came to the United States when ten years of age and settled at Horicon, Wisconsin. He followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and passed away at Friendship, Wisconsin. His widow makes her home with her children. Mrs. Anna Hollander was one of a family of three children, the others being as follows: August, who is deceased; and Alvina, the wife of William Hollander, a brother of our subject, who is an agriculturist residing at Woodhull, Wisconsin. It was in 1892 that Anna Gensmer gave her hand in marriage to Benjamin F. Kaler, who was a native of Fond du Lac and of German descent. He was skilled in the photographic art and was also well known as a musician. His demise occurred in 1897. To Mr. and Mrs. Kaler was born one son, Roland, who works on a farm near the city of Fond du Lac. Mr. and Mrs. Hollander have three children, as follows: Herbert, who is attending school; and Lawrence and Elmer.

In politics Emil Hollander is a staunch republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church of Lamartine township, to which his wife and children also belong. Both he and his wife have a host of warm friends throughout the community and justly merit the regard and esteem which is uniformly accorded them.

CORNELIUS, MICHAEL AND JAMES WHALON.

Cornelius, Michael and James Whalon are well known and highly respected citizens of Eden township where they are successfully engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead of eighty acres originally purchased by their father in 1876. They are the sons of James and Bridget (Hogan) Whalon, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father was born in County Clare, Ireland, and emigrated to the United States in 1848 with his three brothers, Thomas,

Patrick and John, and one sister, Bridget. He and his brothers upon reaching the American shores settled first in Connecticut, where they remained for a few years, and later removed to Wisconsin, James Whalon locating in the city of Fond du Lac, which at that time was a small village. He later removed to Byron township and was there engaged in the cultivation of a rented farm, which he worked on shares. In 1876 he purchased a farm of eighty acres in the town of Eden and there established his home. The land at the time he purchased it was without improvements and covered with hardwood timber. He built a log house which was the family domicile until 1892, at which time he was able to build a more modern and commodious residence, which now adorns the place. Here he continued to reside until 1897, at which time he took up his abode with his children, with whom he now lives retired in the enjoyment of an honored and well earned rest at the extreme age of eighty-five years.

James Whalon was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Hogan, and they became the parents of ten children, five of whom are still living: Margaret, Cornelius, Michael, Hannah and James. The father was for three years the treasurer of Eden township and he and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church. The mother passed away in the year 1892.

The three sons, Cornelius, Michael and James, Jr., are residents of Eden township where they are engaged in the successful conduct of the old homestead on which they reside with their sister Hannah. They are numbered among the most influential and highly respected citizens of Fond du Lac county.

MATTHEW FLAHERTY.

Among the native sons of Wisconsin who are successfully devoting their energies to agricultural pursuits is numbered Matthew Flaherty, whose birth occurred in Washington county in 1858. As the name indicates, he is of Irish descent, his father, Bernard Flaherty, having been born on the Emerald isle in 1825. In early manhood he came to the United States, first settling in Albany, New York, where he remained for several years. While a resident of that city he met and married Miss Mary McCarty, who had come to this country alone, and there two children were born to them. In 1855 Mr. Flaherty brought his family west to Wisconsin, establishing his home in Washington county, near the town of Wayne, on land which he entered from the government. At the time of their settlement here the country was for the most part wild and unbroken and the district was sparsely settled, there being no neighbors living within several miles. Mr. Flaherty built a log shanty upon that place and at once began its cultivation, and that farm remained his home until 1861, when he came to Fond du Lac county, purchasing a farm in Eden township, near the town of Eden, which property has since come into the possession of his son Matthew. To the development of that place he gave his attention throughout his remaining days, introducing many improvements and bringing it under a good state of cultivation, and there he passed away in 1881, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife's death occurred three years later, in 1884, when she was fifty-four years of age. Bernard Flaherty was a man of good intellect who in early life had mastered the usual branches taught in the common schools. By private study, however, he greatly extended his fund of information and fitted himself for the profession of teaching, which he followed in Washington county, Wisconsin, for a number of years prior to his arrival in this county, sessions being held in an old log schoolhouse. He ever remained a staunch champion of the cause of education and after taking up his abode in Eden township served for many years as school director. He also acted as town treasurer and served as assessor for many years, besides filling many other important offices, his election to which indicated his

popularity among his fellow citizens and the regard and confidence in which he was held by all.

During the period of his boyhood and youth Matthew Flaherty was given good educational advantages, attending school under his father for a time and later becoming a student in the district schools of Eden township, where he pursued his studies throughout the winter months. In the summer seasons he worked in the fields, continuing to assist his father until the latter's death, when he inherited the homestead. In that year he leased the place to a renter and went to Chicago, Illinois, but, tiring of city life at the end of one year, he returned home and has since given his time and attention to agricultural pursuits on the home farm. Since assuming management thereof he has erected a comfortable new dwelling, substantial barns and other buildings and has equipped the place with many modern improvements which have greatly enhanced its value, making it one of the most desirable properties in the district. He is progressive in his farming operations and employs up-to-date methods in the cultivation of his fields, with the result that his annual harvests are a source of substantial and gratifying income.

In November, 1900, Mr. Flaherty was married to Miss Alice Brennan, a daughter of Patrick and Bridget Brennan, who came from Ireland to this country and cast in their lot among the first settlers of Fond du Lac county. Unto this union four children have been born, Leo, Mabel, Anna and Alice.

The family are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic church of Eden and stand well in the community in which they reside. Mr. Flaherty has never found time to participate in political affairs, preferring rather to give his entire attention to the conduct of his private interests. He takes a deep interest, however, in those matters which are of vital importance to state and nation and at all times is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit his section of the country or advance its development.

GEORGE H. FLOOD.

George H. Flood is senior partner of the firm of Flood & Hildebrande, proprietors of a general mercantile store and grain elevator, and is well known in this section of Wisconsin, within the borders of which state his entire life has been spent, his birth having occurred on the old Flood homestead in 1869. His father, Peter Flood, was born in Ireland and when but five or six years of age was brought to America by his father, Edward Flood, the family residing for a time in Albany, New York. They arrived in Wisconsin in 1847 and took up their abode on a homestead, owned later by Christopher Flood, a brother of Peter Flood. Later Peter Flood took up government land which became known as the Flood homestead and there he still resides at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Ann (Lloyd) Flood, who also survives, was born in New York and came to Wisconsin in 1848 with her parents. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, seven of whom are yet living.

George H. Flood was reared amid the busy activities of rural life and acquired a good education in the country schools near his father's home. He remained a student therein until eighteen years of age, after which he laid aside his text-books to give his entire attention to the work of the farm, assisting his father until he had attained the age of twenty-nine years. At that time, thinking that he might find a more congenial and profitable field of labor outside of agricultural pursuits, he came to the village of Eden and entered into partnership relations with Senator E. H. Lyons, establishing a general merchandise store and grain elevator. That partnership continued for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Lyons sold his interest in the business to Stephen Mahoney, and

after two years the latter sold out to John Flood, a cousin of our subject, who was identified with the business for two years. He in turn sold out to Valentine Hildebrande, and the firm now operates under the firm name of Flood & Hildebrande. The business, which had but a small beginning, has, however, had a continuous and vigorous growth almost from its inception and today the company is at the head of a paying enterprise. Its substantial growth has found impetus in a large measure in the keen business sagacity of Mr. Flood, who has gained well deserved recognition as one of the shrewdest and most capable business men of the community. In recent years he has found opportunity to extend the scope of his interests and in 1910 was one of the organizers of the Eden State Bank, one of the important and substantial moneyed institutions of Fond du Lac county, and was elected a director. He was also one of the organizers of the Eastern Fond du Lac County Telephone Company, and is now serving as its treasurer.

In 1901 Mr. Flood was united in marriage to Miss Nora Mahoney, a daughter of James Mahoney, who is one of the oldest living pioneers of Wisconsin, and unto Mr. and Mrs. Flood have been born three children, George, James and Mary.

Mr. Flood has never been identified with politics other than casting his vote in support of the men and measures of the democratic party, although he takes a public-spirited interest in the questions and issues concerning state and nation. He is one of the charter members of the Order of Foresters and has always held office in that organization. In his religious faith he is a Catholic and holds membership in St. Mary's church of Eden, in which he is serving as treasurer, and has ever taken an active interest in the work of that institution. Distinctively a business man, alert and enterprising, possessing sound judgment and keen discernment, he has made good use of his opportunities and by his own well directed efforts has builded the ladder upon which he has mounted to success.

W. J. FENELON, M. D.

Dr. W. J. Fenelon, who engages in farming in Ripon township, is a representative of one of the well known pioneer families, some of its members having resided in Fond du Lac county for three generations. He was born in Springvale township, on the 5th of June, 1865, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (Gough) Fenelon. The father, who passed away on the 8th of September, 1871, at the age of thirty years, was a native of Ireland. His parents, John and Margaret (Byrne) Fenelon, were also natives of the Emerald isle and there they passed the early period of their domestic life. They emigrated to the United States in 1850, coming direct to Wisconsin. For a year thereafter they resided at Watertown, but at the end of that time they came to Fond du Lac county. They settled in Springvale township, where the grandfather of our subject acquired a large tract of sixteen hundred acres of timber land and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was one of the extensive land owners of this county in the progress and development of which he and his family prominently figured. Mr. and Mrs. John Fenelon have long been deceased, his death occurring on the 5th of March, 1862, and his wife's on March 27, 1875. Mrs. Daniel Fenelon is still living and now makes her home with her son.

Dr. Fenelon, who was only six years of age when his father died, began his education in the public schools and completed it at Ripon College, of which institution he is a graduate. Having resolved to become a physician, he subsequently matriculated in the Rush Medical College at Chicago and there pursued his professional studies, being awarded the degree of M. D. with the class of 1894. He began his professional career in Oklahoma, where he engaged in practice for

five years. He next located in Illinois, and after a year's residence there returned to Fond du Lac county, locating on the farm which he is now cultivating. For a time thereafter he continued his practice in connection with his agricultural pursuits, but he has since entirely withdrawn from his profession and gives his undivided attention to farming, meeting with satisfactory success in his undertakings. The farm Dr. Fenelon is operating belongs to his uncle, James Fenelon, who was born in Ireland on November 5, 1845, and was a lad of only five years when he came to America with his parents. He has passed the greater part of his life in the vicinity of his present farm. His early education was acquired in the schools of Fond du Lac county, following which he continued his studies in both Milwaukee and Chicago. Reared on a farm he was early trained to agricultural pursuits and has ever since principally followed this line of activities. He owns about two hundred acres of land. He is living practically retired, having turned over the management of the farm to his nephew. Politics have engaged much of Mr. Fenelon's time and attention, and in his early life he figured quite prominently in local affairs, having twice represented his district in the state assembly.

Neither Mr. Fenelon nor his nephew have ever married, their household affairs being looked after by the latter's mother. In matters of religious faith they are Roman Catholics, and are loyal to the principles and teachings of their church. Politically James Fenelon is a republican. He is deeply imbued with the American spirit of liberty and freedom and an ardent adherent of the republican form of government in contradistinction to the monarchical system of which he does not approve. Dr. Fenelon gives his support to the democratic party, but he does not care to participate actively in affairs of a political nature.

JOSEPH E. TRELEVEN.

Joseph E. Treleven is one of the prominent and well known farmers of Fond du Lac township. He was born on April 24, 1854, and is a son of Daniel D. and Ellen Treleven, natives of England. His step-father was a farmer and general merchant in that country but came to America and settled in Wisconsin in an early day. Here he pursued the occupation of agriculture until his death, in 1903. Daniel D. Treleven and his wife were the parents of seven children: Caroline; Julia, who became the wife of August Karstens, a retired butcher, by whom she has two children, Walter and Lolo; Levi, who was twice married first to Miss Matie Green, who died in 1888, leaving three children, Harry, Edward and Bessie, and later to Miss Georgia Taft, of Fond du Lac; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Theodore, who wedded Miss Minnie Bullis, of Fond du Lac, by whom he has eleven children, Theodore, Jr., Howard, Fred, Paul, Charles, Daniel, Joseph, Thomas, Pauline, Helen and Caroline; William, who married Miss Grace Longdin, by whom he has three children, Nettie, Daniel and John; and Belle the widow of Horace Whittaker, by whom she had two children, Elmer and Horace.

Joseph E. Treleven attended the district schools of the township of Byron until he was fifteen years of age, when he entered Mann's Business College where he took a full commercial course of instruction for two years. He then assisted his father in the work on the farm and at the age of nineteen had charge of some of his father's property in Lamartine township. He resided in that section for three years and then went west, where he was employed in the construction of windmills for five and a half years. When he returned to Wisconsin he resided in Fond du Lac for fifteen years, engaged in various lines of activity, and at the end of that time bought a farm of seventy acres, which he improved and operated for ten years. In 1910 he retired from active life and now resides on a twenty-two acre farm in the township of Fond du Lac.

On May 5, 1887, Mr. Treleven was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Merrell, a daughter of Harvey Merrell, a prosperous farmer of Lamartine township. They are the parents of one son, Lee Treleven who now lives with his parents on the home farm. Politically, Mr. Treleven is affiliated with the republican party and is a consistent believer in its tenets. He held the position of police officer in Fond du Lac for eight years, was treasurer of the school board for four years and did effective work as road master for ten years. He is a member of the Methodist church and his religion influences his daily life. He is well known and well liked in Fond du Lac township where his qualities of industry, intelligence and energy have gained him an honored and conspicuous place among his fellow citizens.

PETER HERATY.

Fond du Lac county has numbered among its residents many sturdy sons of Erin who through the opportunities offered in the new world along agricultural lines have met with gratifying success. Few of this number, however, are better known than Peter Heraty who, in addition to the conduct of important agricultural interests has also taken an active part in public affairs for a number of years.

He was born in Ireland on the 28th of October, 1839, a son of James and Bridget (Ryder) Heraty, who were also natives of the Emerald isle. In 1847 they came to the United States with their family of five children, and settlement was first made in Oswego county, New York, which remained their place of residence for two years. On coming west they located in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, the father purchasing a farm of eighty acres in the town of Mitchell. The tract was covered with a heavy growth of maple, bass, oak and other trees, and it was necessary for him to clear the space in which to build a house. From the timber which he cut down he reared a log cabin in which the family resided for twenty years, and during all that time he worked early and late in the further development and improvement of his property. Subsequently he added to his original tract an adjoining one hundred and sixty acres, making a fine property of two hundred and forty acres. He was ambitious and energetic and soon became one of the best known of the pioneers of Sheboygan county. Finally he was able to retire from active work and in 1887 he and his wife removed to Eden, Fond du Lac county, where they built a comfortable home in which they resided until the latter's death in 1893. Mr. Heraty then went to the city of Fond du Lac and there continued his residence until his death, in 1899.

Peter Heraty was a lad of eight years when he was brought to the United States by his parents, and his education, which had been begun in the schools of his native land, was continued in the public schools of New York and also in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where he attended classes in an old log school-house. His attendance, however, was limited to the winter months, as his assistance was needed in the work of the farm during the summer seasons, but by constant application and the wise utilization of every available opportunity he succeeded in greatly increasing his knowledge by outside study until he had qualified himself for teaching. He followed that occupation for seven years, teaching in the schools of his home locality during the winter months and working with his father on the farm during the summer, his time being thus fully employed until 1874, when, desirous of engaging in agricultural pursuits independently, he purchased his present farm of two hundred and forty acres in Eden township, where he has since made his home. He is a progressive and up-to-date farmer, cultivating the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate, and

his able management has resulted in the gratifying degree of prosperity which he today enjoys. He is now contemplating selling his farm and removing to Milwaukee, where he will live retired.

Mr. Heraty was married, in 1874, to Miss Ellen Sullivan, who was born in Fond du Lac county, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (McGrath) Sullivan, who were both natives of Ireland. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Heraty have been born three children: James, a practicing physician of Bloomington, Wisconsin; Louise, at home; and John, who is now pursuing a medical course at Marquette.

The family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church, in the work of which they are active and helpful, and they occupy a prominent position in the social circles in which they move. Mr. Heraty is strictly temperate, having never taken a drink of beer, whiskey or other intoxicants, not even as medicine. He has taken a vital interest in public affairs, giving his political allegiance first to the democratic party but has been a republican since Lincoln's election, and at various times he has been called upon to accept public office. For three years he served as town clerk of Mitchell, was town treasurer for one year and acted as town clerk of Eden for five years. The efficiency with which he performed the duties which devolved upon him in connection with his public service and the success which he achieved in the conduct of his private interests have made him a prominent figure among his fellowmen and he is today ranked among the best known and most representative residents of Fond du Lac county.

EDWARD GALOW.

Edward Galow, one of the energetic and enterprising agriculturists of Springvale township, resides on section 18, where he farms one hundred and sixty acres of land belonging to the Fitzpatrick estate. He devotes his attention to general farming and stock-raising and is the owner of a quarter section of land in Metomen township, which he leases. His birth occurred in Germany on the 22d of March, 1877, his parents being William and Minnie Galow, who are likewise natives of that country. The father was born on the 5th of October, 1846, while the mother's birth occurred on the 20th of January, 1847. Their marriage was celebrated on the 3d of November, 1873. In 1886 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Wisconsin, south of Fond du Lac. In 1905 they took up their abode in Springvale township, locating on the Fred Kukuk farm, where they remained for two years. On the expiration of that period they removed to the Badtke farm on section 17, Springvale township, and have resided thereon to the present time. To Mr. and Mrs. William Galow were born ten children, six of whom survive, as follows: Gustave, who is a resident of Fond du Lac; Edward, of this review; Amanda, the wife of Emil Jacobus, a blacksmith of Rogersville, Wisconsin; Mollie, who gave her hand in marriage to James Monogue, of Milwaukee; Herman, who is at home with his parents; and Polly, the wife of Ralph Hoffman, of Waupun, Wisconsin. Adolph and Tillie Galow died in Germany, and the two other children of the family died in this country in infancy.

Edward Galow, who was a lad of nine years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, had attended school in Germany and after coming to the United States spent four years as a student in this country. He began working for others at the early age of ten years, receiving at that time a wage of two dollars per month. In 1900 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating a rented farm in Springvale township for one year. In 1901 he rented the Fitzpatrick farm on section 18 and has since been engaged in its operation. In 1909 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of good farming land in Metomen township, four miles north of Brandon,

which property he leases. He is engaged in farming and stock-raising and has won success in all of his undertakings. He has an excellent dairy herd of eighteen cows and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and progressive agriculturists of the community.

In 1903 Edward Galow was united in marriage to Miss Martha Kindchoe, a daughter of Charles and Minnie (Kreager) Kindchoe. The former was born in the United States, of German descent, while the latter is a native of the fatherland. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kindchoe were married in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and subsequently came to Waupun township, Fond du Lac county, where Charles Kindchoe took up general agricultural pursuits. In the fall of 1911 he leased his farm and took up his abode in the village of Waupun, where both he and his wife have since lived in honorable retirement. The record of their children is as follows: Mrs. Martha Galow; Edward, who follows farming in Waupun township; Arthur, who is at home with his parents; Ida; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to Joe Hartel and resides in Milwaukee; Angeline and Lydia, both of whom are residents of Milwaukee; and Sarah, Ella and Esther, all of whom are living with their parents in Waupun. To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Galow have been born four children, namely: Leonard, whose birth occurred on the 11th of May, 1905, and who attends district school No. 4, of Springvale township; Lloyd, who was born on the 1st of June, 1908; and two children who died in infancy.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Edward Galow has supported the men and measures of the democratic party. In 1911 he acted as treasurer of Springvale township and for seven years has served as path master. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church of Brandon, to which his wife also belongs. They enjoy an enviable position in social circles and their home is attractive by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality.

HENRY WARREN MOORE.

Henry Warren Moore is the president of the Moore & Galloway Lumber Company and resides at No. 229 East Division street in Fond du Lac. He was born in Westfield, Massachusetts, September 21, 1863, his parents being Marquis De Lafayette and Sabrina Elida (Thatcher) Moore, who were natives of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, respectively. Further mention of them is made in connection with the sketch of M. D. Moore on another page of this volume. The son Henry was only about a year old when the parents came to Fond du Lac and here he was reared to manhood, attending the public schools, while later he went to Poughkeepsie, New York, and was graduated from Eastman's Business College of that city. He then put his thorough commercial training to the practical test by entering the lumber business which had been established by his father. Desirous that the son should be thoroughly acquainted with the trade in every particular he placed him in a minor position and encouraged him to work his way upward. As he learned the business he was gradually promoted and at length was given charge of the retail department. Two years before his father's death he assumed management of the wholesale department, after having previously served as assistant to his father. In 1903 he was elected to the presidency of the company, which office he still fills. He is also connected with other business enterprises of this city and elsewhere and has proven his ability to capably manage extensive and important interests and readily discriminate between the essential and the non-essential in all business affairs with which he is connected.

In December, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Moore and Miss Louise Meyer, a daughter of C. J. L. and Elizabeth Meyer, both of whom were natives of Germany, and early settlers of Fond du Lac. Mr. Moore is identified with the Division Street Methodist Episcopal church, being president of the board of directors. He is also a member of Fidelity Lodge No. 19, K. of P.

WILLIAM SCHRAVEN.

Eighty acres of land in Lamartine township capably managed and in excellent condition are an evidence of the prosperity of William Schraven and of his knowledge of farming conditions and methods. He is one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the community and by quiet and steady industry has gained the prosperity which he now enjoys. His farm comprises eighty acres of land on section 21, and to its development he is bringing his personal experience and efficiency. Mr. Schraven was born in Germany on February 19, 1853, and is a son of Theodore and Dina (Simon) Schraven, natives of the fatherland. His parents came to Dodge county, Wisconsin, in 1865, and his father followed farming in that section until his death which occurred in 1888 when he was sixty-five years of age. They were the parents of eight children: Christina, who married Frank Heiling, a farmer in Dodge county, by whom she has two children, John and Ida; John, who is an enterprising agriculturist and who married Miss Ida Hottaffer, of Lowell, Wisconsin, by whom he has three children; William, the subject of this sketch; Katie, who is the wife of Joseph Englehart, a retired farmer of Fond du Lac, by whom she has four children, Tess, John, Rose, and Theodore; May, who married George Flasch, a farmer of Eldorado township, by whom she has three children, Edward, Ella and Michael; Amelia, who married Joseph Buher, a farmer, by whom she has eight children, John, Cecila, Francis, Tina, Anna, Dora, Martin and Lena; Theodore, a retired farmer who married Miss Anna Rufice; and Henry, who married Lena Giebel of Lamartine township and who died in 1909, leaving one child, Michael.

William Schraven remained in Germany until he was eleven years of age. He came to America with his parents and after they established their residence in Dodge county he attended the district school until he was sixteen years old. During his childhood he worked for his father in the minor labors of the farm and as he grew in years he was given more responsible duties. He remained at home until he was thirty years of age and then purchased eighty acres of land on section 21, Lamartine township, and began its cultivation. He has been very successful and owes his prosperity to his industry and progressive methods. He has put his farm in an excellent state of cultivation and owns a fine herd of cattle comprising thirteen head of high-grade stock. He keeps three horses. He spent much time and money in bringing his property to its present prosperous condition. By scientific methods he has made his land productive to its highest point and by well directed business acumen has made his enterprise remunerative. He is one of the successful agriculturists of his section and has many friends in the district.

Mr. Schraven was married on November 15, 1882, at Clyman, Dodge county, to Miss Anna Heiling, a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Schneider) Heiling, natives of Germany. Mrs. Schraven's father was a farmer and was successful in agriculture after he came to America and settled in Wisconsin. To our subject and his wife have been born nine children: Charles, a farmer, who married Elizabeth Weinreis of Johnsburg, by whom he has one child, Charles, Jr.; Bertha, who became the wife of Dr. Louis J. Simon, of Harrison, Wisconsin; William, Jr., who follows agriculture, and who married Miss Clara Dewey of

Fond du Lac; Theodore, who resides at Stockbridge, Wisconsin; Frank, who lives at home; Mamie, who is teaching school; and Margaret, Wendell and Paul, all of whom live with their parents.

Mr. Schraven is a stockholder in the Lamartine Creamery Company and takes an active interest in the welfare of his community. In politics he is independent in his convictions and not influenced by party lines. He has served with great ability as road superintendent for three years and was for eighteen years director of the school board. He belongs to the Roman Catholic church. His farm is one of the most intelligently developed in the county and he is constantly successful because he is consistently systematic in its operation and leaves nothing to chance. His energy, open-mindedness and his business instinct have made his success and his broad sympathies and upright life have won for him many friends.

EWART G. HEATH.

Ewart G. Heath, secretary and treasurer of the Fond du Lac Steam Laundry Company, is one of this city's many enterprising and highly capable native sons. His birth occurred on the 30th of August, 1883, and he is the eldest of three children born of the marriage of Nathan R. and Eliza L. (Wild) Heath.

The education of Ewart G. Heath was completed upon his graduation from the high school in 1902, following which he began his business career. Immediately after leaving school he entered the Fond du Lac Steam Laundry and subsequently became manager of this enterprise. Although he was very young when he assumed the duties of this position he was a young man of earnest purpose and clear judgment and was fully competent to carry the responsibility. Later with the organization of the Fond du Lac Steam Laundry Company he was elected to the office of secretary and treasurer of the new company. The business has developed in a highly satisfactory manner under his direction and is one of the best patronized laundries in the city. The plant is fully equipped with all modern machinery and appliances needed in an establishment of this kind and their work is of a very superior quality.

Mr. Heath was married to Miss Bertha Birge, daughter of George A. Birge on the 20th of June, 1906. Mrs. Heath passed away July 1, 1911. Mr. Heath is a member of the Episcopal church and also belongs to the Business Men's Association, while his political support he gives to the democratic party. He has passed his entire life in this city, where he is held in high esteem and is numbered among the progressive business men.

CHRISTIAN PATT.

Christian Patt is improving eighty acres of productive land on section 14 in Eldorado township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and has gained recognition as a successful and practical farmer. He was born on February 24, 1844, and is of German parentage. His father, Herman Patt, and his mother, Anna Eva (Graffin) Patt, were born in the fatherland. They crossed the Atlantic in 1857 and came immediately to Wisconsin, settling first in Oshkosh, where they maintained their residence for two months before they settled on one hundred and sixty acres of undeveloped land in Eldorado township. Herman Patt immediately began to clear and improve his holdings and from the timber which he cut built for himself and his family a rude log house in which he lived for many years. He soon had one hundred acres cleared and cultivated and by intelli-

gent activity for many years made his property rich and productive. He made extensive improvements from time to time and never allowed his methods of agriculture to become obsolete. He represented the most progressive and modern features of soil cultivation and was an enterprising and useful citizen.

Christian Patt was educated in the public schools of Eldorado township and spent his boyhood upon his father's farm. The Civil war broke out when he was seventeen years of age and he enlisted in the Seventeenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry but did not serve on account of his youth. He has done general farming all during his active career and is now the owner of eighty acres of fertile and productive soil on section 14, Eldorado township. To the development and improvement of this tract of land Mr. Patt is bringing a practical knowledge of agricultural details and an intelligent and open mind. He is one of the representative citizens of his section and is a man identified in a constructive and expanding way with one of the principal industries of his section. He has many friends in Eldorado township and is held in high regard and esteem.

On November 9, 1873, Mr. Patt was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Rosenthal, a daughter of Charles and Justina Rosenthal, and they are the parents of ten children. In his political affiliations Mr. Patt is independent and has served his fellow citizens as township treasurer for some time. This position is now occupied by his son Charles, who is carrying out the useful and worthy traditions of his father in the conduct of the office. Mr. Patt affiliates with the Evangelical church. His agriculture, based as it is upon personal experience in the details of planting, cultivating and harvesting, has been productive of good results. His farm is one of the model and attractive features of the development of Fond du Lac county.

EDWARD H. KOEHN.

Edward H. Koehn, one of the most promising and progressive young farmers in Fond du Lac county, is a native of Wisconsin and the son of one of the pioneers in the settlement of that state. The land which he cultivates constitutes his father's original purchase in Osceola township and under Mr. Koehn's care has become one of the finest properties in the district.

Edward Koehn was born on his father's farm in Sheboygan county, April 23, 1881, and is the son of Albert and Amelia (Suemnecht) Koehn, natives of Germany. His father was born in that country, October 16, 1842, the son of Michael and Christina Koehn, who lived and died in the fatherland. He came to America in 1869, settling in Mitchell township, Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where he purchased unimproved land. This he cleared and cultivated, building for himself a log shanty upon his holdings, in which he resided for some time. He was identified with early development and did able work in promoting it. He afterward purchased land in Osceola and in 1881 moved into that section, where he lived until 1908, when he retired from active life and erected a beautiful residence in the village of Dundee, where he now resides. During his residence in Germany he served in the Prussian army during the Austrian-Prussian war and since coming to America has never sought to evade the duties of citizenship. For four years he was township supervisor and served one year as assessor and for a similar period as treasurer, doing able, conscientious and progressive work in all of these offices. He is a member of the German Lutheran church. His marriage occurred in 1869, when he wedded Miss Amelia Suemnecht, by whom he had eleven children: Charles, Edward, Albert, Richard, William, August, Anna, Emily, Tillie, Mamie and Emma.

Edward Koehn received his education in the public schools of Dundee and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age. In 1902 he joined the Eleventh Regiment, United States Regular Infantry, and served for six months, during which time he was stationed for one month in San Francisco. He went to the Philippine Islands with his regiment and joined the Coast Artillery. Upon his return to the United States he was stationed at Fort Casey, Washington, and after three years was honorably discharged. He returned immediately to Wisconsin, where he remained for seven months, going at the end of that time to northern Michigan, where he worked in the woods, mines and lumber camps for one winter. He then returned home and has since lived in Fond du Lac county and operated the farm on which he was born. For a short time he and his brother Albert in partnership conducted the farm but after one season Albert sold his interest to our subject. Albert now lives in Chicago, where he located after his graduation from college, and is engaged in the automobile business in that city.

In September, 1907, Mr. Koehn was united in marriage to Miss Emma Bartelt, a daughter of August Bartelt, of Auburn township. They have two children: Edward, born August 20, 1908; and Alvin, born June 4, 1911.

Mr. Koehn belongs to the German Lutheran church of Dundee. His politics are independent but he has never sought public office, preferring to devote his time to the cultivation of his fields, which have repaid his labor by abundant harvests. Energy and ambition are leading elements in his character, making him successful at an early age and well equipped for future efforts.

HENRY A. BUSH.

The dual occupation of farming and court reporting is seldom combined, but for fourteen years Henry A. Bush personally managed his farm in the town of Byron and attended to the exacting duties of official stenographer for the fourth judicial circuit of Wisconsin. He now gives his entire attention to agricultural pursuits, and finds pleasure in getting back to the soil as a specialty. Mr. and Mrs. Bush believe country life to be best for their sons in minority, and all the members of the family are contented and happy at Old Oaks farm.

Henry A. Bush was born in the township of Byron on March 18, 1859, upon the farm where he now resides, and is a son of Henry and Mary A. (Phelps) Bush. His father was a native of Lowville, Lewis county, New York. He established his residence in Wisconsin in 1844 and was one of the earliest settlers to take up a homestead claim in this section. His wife was a native of Massachusetts. Their marriage took place in 1849. Three children were born to them. Sedate A., wife of Dr. E. B. Beeson of Chicago, by whom she has two children; Alice J., of Chicago, the widow of R. A. Smith, who has one son; and Henry A., the subject of this sketch.

Henry A. Bush was graduated from the Fond du Lac high school in 1877, and shortly afterward, supplementary to two years of phonographic study, took a two months' course in shorthand at Graham's Phonographic Academy in New York city in order to better prepare himself for a stenographic career. His first practical work at shorthand was for M. M. Pomeroy of LaCrosse, in the office of Pomeroy's Democrat, where his duties consisted of taking dictation of letters and editorials and doing general reporting. In the early '80s he was associated with Edward Beeson, one of the veteran Wisconsin journalists, in the publication of the Fond du Lac Journal, and during that time was also official reporter of the Fond du Lac county court. In 1883 he disposed of his interests in the Journal and formed a partnership with J. A. Philbrick, at Quincy, Illinois, doing court reporting for the different circuits in and about Quincy. He was success-

ful in this line of activity and gained a high degree of speed and accuracy. He finally withdrew from the firm and returned to Fond du Lac where he resumed reporting in the county court. He was also at this time prominent in journalistic circles, acting as correspondent for the Evening Wisconsin, the Chicago Tribune, and as city editor of the Daily Reporter, which made him well and favorably known in his community. He quit newspaper work in the autumn of 1889. In that year he accepted the position of official stenographer for the fourth judicial circuit of Wisconsin under appointment by Judge Gilson, and gained a gratifying degree of success in this capacity until his resignation on March 14, 1912. In that year he definitely abandoned his stenographic and journalistic career and devoted his entire attention to Old Oaks farm in the township of Byron. He is the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land in Fond du Lac county which have been brought to a high state of improvement and cultivation. For some time he made Red Polled cattle an important branch of his agricultural life, but is now particularly interested in sugar-beet culture. He uses a gas tractor for much of the work formerly done by horses, and also for all the belt work of the farm.

On January 11, 1893, Mr. Bush was united in marriage to Miss Annette M. Sibree, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Vreeland) Sibree, at Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Bush have three children, George E., Henry and Lawrence S.

Politically Mr. Bush was affiliated with the democratic party for many years, but now classes himself as an independent, especially in local politics. He has never been an office seeker, although he takes a proper interest in local affairs. He has served on the educational boards of Fond du Lac and Byron. His life has been distinguished in various capacities by earnest endeavor and intelligent activity, and these qualities have been the basis of his success.

CHARLES O'NEIL.

Charles O'Neil is cultivating and developing the farm upon which he was born on section 13, Springvale township and is ranked among the progressive, substantial and representative agriculturists of Fond du Lac county. He has had charge of the property since 1884 and has operated it in a progressive and systematic manner since that time. He owns eighty acres and is associated with his son in the conduct of a modern farming, stock-raising and dairying enterprise. He was born upon his father's farm, January 9, 1859, a son of John and Hulda (Beggs) O'Neil. His father was a native of New York state of Irish ancestry and his mother was born in Vermont and was of Scotch-Irish descent. Their marriage occurred in Plainfield, Wisconsin, the father having come to this state when he was twenty-one years of age. He settled in Fond du Lac county upon the farm where his son now lives and cultivated one hundred and sixty acres of land with gratifying success until his retirement from active life in 1884. In that year he moved to Rosendale where his death occurred in 1905. His wife survives him and at eighty-four years of age is an active and highly respected woman. She and her husband had five children: Charles, the subject of this sketch; Ida, deceased; Louise, who resides with her mother in Rosendale; Albert, who married Miss Hannah Sweet, and who is principal of the Oshkosh high school; and Mina, the wife of Charles Hill, a farmer and stockman of Rosendale.

Charles O'Neil attended district school No. 9, Springvale township and his childhood was spent upon his fathers' farm. At an early date he became acquainted with the best and most modern methods of agriculture and upon his personal experience and his early familiarity has based a distinct success in this

line of work. In 1884 he assumed entire charge of the farm and has operated it intelligently and along the most progressive lines since that time. When his father retired our subject purchased eighty acres of the homestead—productive and fertile land. Upon this in association with his son he carries on general farming and stock-raising and operates a sanitary dairy, keeping thirteen high-grade Holstein cows. He has valuable and well developed property equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. He has made extensive improvements and uses the most modern machinery to facilitate his labors, his early training and his interest in his work constituting elements in his success.

In 1884 Mr. O'Neil was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sloey, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Murry) Sloey, natives of Ireland. They came to the United States at different times and their marriage occurred in New York. They were among the early settlers in Wisconsin, locating finally in Eldorado township where the mother died in 1864 and the father in 1886. They had five children: Ellen, who married I. L. Gault, a plumber of Fond du Lac; Mary, the wife of our subject; Belle, who became the wife of Louis Earle, a bookkeeper of New Richmond; Thomas, who has passed away; and William, who married Mary Higbee and is engaged in farming in Eldorado township. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil became the parents of four children. Dale H., whose birth occurred September 13, 1885, attended district school No. 9, Springvale township and was graduated from the Rosendale high school with the class of 1904. He is now associated with his father in the operation of the home farm. Josie and Jessie are twins, their birth having occurred February 18, 1889. They attended district school No. 9 and were graduated from the Rosendale high school with the class of 1907. Ella Mae, the youngest member of the family, was born July 9, 1894, and is now a student in the Rosendale high school. The family attend the Congregational church.

In his political affiliations Mr. O'Neil is a consistent republican, actively and usefully interested in public affairs. He is well known in educational circles having served for six years as clerk of school district No. 9, resigning this office in 1911. Since he attained his majority he has been prominent in promoting the cause of education and has been either a director or clerk in his home school district. He manages his farm in an expert way, supplementing his agricultural skill by business ability of a high order, his methods being based upon the strictest principles of integrity. He is a representative citizen of the county where he is accorded universal respect and esteem as a native son whose career is a credit to the community in which he was born.

HENRY W. KRAEMER.

Henry W. Kraemer is the well known and popular proprietor of the Commercial Hotel at Van Dyne, Fond du Lac county. He was born in Marshfield township, Fond du Lac county, in 1871, and is a son of Mathias and Mary Anna (Thome) Kraemer, both of whom were born in Germany and who emigrated to America and settled in Fond du Lac county in 1867. Henry W. Kraemer was reared in his parents' home and received his elementary education in the public schools of Marshfield township. He was for five years the proprietor of a well known hostelry in Fond du Lac and after closing out his interests in that property he removed to Van Dyne, where he engaged in the hotel business, to which he has given his undivided attention for the past nine years.

Mr. Kraemer was united in marriage, in St. Joseph's church in Marshfield township, to Miss Anna Hau, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hau. The father was one of the old settlers of Russel township, Sheboygan county. Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer are the parents of three children: Eleanora, who is twelve

years of age; and Melvin C. and Lucile, who are ten and six years of age, respectively. Mr. Kraemer is affiliated with the democratic party, was justice of the peace at Van Dyne from 1909 to 1911 and served in the office of constable during the years 1908 and 1909. He was elected town clerk in the year of 1911 for one year and was reelected in 1912 but resigned on account of ill health and pressing private business matters. His fraternal relations are with the Catholic Foresters and he and his family are members of the Roman Catholic church at Fond du Lac. Mr. Kraemer is a man who is in every respect adapted to the hotel business and his popular hotel at Van Dyne is known to be one of the most frequented hostelries in this part of Wisconsin. He is a man who is held in high esteem by a large circle of acquaintances and is always to be relied upon to advance in every way within his power any public measure intended to improve the condition of the people in the community in which he resides.

RUFUS H. OLIVER.

Rufus H. Oliver is one of the well known and respected citizens of Waupun, Wisconsin, where he is successfully engaged in the stone and monument business with which he has been identified since 1908. He was born in Salem, Franklin county, Maine, March 21, 1845, and is a son of Rufus C. and Cordelia (Webster) Oliver. The maternal grandfather was Joseph Webster, who was the nephew of Daniel Webster's grandfather. The parents of Rufus H. Oliver settled in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, at a very early date where they continued to live during their remaining years. They became the parents of seven children: James, who is a resident of Spencer, Iowa; Joseph W., who died in 1901, was a veteran of the Civil war and belonged to the Masonic lodge; Rufus H., the subject of this sketch; Susan, residing in Spencer, Iowa, who is the widow of Alfred Goodell; Clara, who also resides in Spencer; and Mrs. Stockwell and Mrs. S. F. Trickey, both of whom are deceased.

Rufus H. Oliver was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools. He later for a time was a student in Ripon College. In 1869 he settled in Waupun, where he took up work as an apprenticed printer in the office of the Waupun Leader which at that time was owned and published by his brother, J. W. Oliver and his partner, M. C. Short. Two years later he purchased Mr. Short's interest in the paper, and then as joint owner with his brother continued the publication of that journal until 1901. In that year J. W. Oliver died and the subject of this review as owner continued the publication of the Leader until 1908, at which time he disposed of the paper. At the time he sold the Waupun Leader he had been with its publication as employe, joint owner and sole proprietor, continuously for a period of thirty-nine years. After disposing of the paper he at once engaged in the monument business, to which he has since given his undivided attention.

Mr. Oliver was twice married, his first union being on December 16, 1870, to Catherine L. Scofield, who died in 1872. He married the second time on May 19, 1874, Miss Ella E. Gee, a daughter of John S. and Lucy Ann (Whiting) Gee. John S. Gee, the father, was born in the town of Virgil, Cortland county, New York, January 17, 1816. He was a son of Samuel Gee, a farmer and carpenter, and his paternal grandfather was John Gee, who served as body guard to General Washington during the Revolutionary war. At the age of twelve years John S. Gee became an apprenticed stone-cutter and mason at Ithaca, New York, in which work he continued until he had mastered the art of his craft. He worked at his trade at different places until 1853, coming to Wisconsin and Waupun in 1846. In 1853 he crossed the great plains to California, where he was for a

brief time engaged in mining. In the fall of 1855 he returned to Waupun and later established himself in the monument business, which at that time was the third of its kind in Wisconsin. In that business he was successfully and continuously engaged for nearly a half century, after which time he retired from the active conduct of his business, which has later been carried on by his daughter, Mrs. Oliver, who is the wife of the subject of this sketch. Mr. Gee celebrated his golden wedding in 1885, and on January 17, 1906, he celebrated the ninetieth anniversary of his birthday. He passed away on March 21, 1906. The funeral services were held Friday afternoon, March 23, from the Congregational church and the Rev. T. A. Williams, assisted by Rev. E. C. Potter, officiated. The bearers were selected from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which order Mr. Gee was an old and valued member, and among the beautiful floral offerings were several from the fraternal orders to which he belonged. The burial was at Forest Mound. Mr. Gee was a loyal member of the democratic party and at the time of his death was the oldest living member of the Independent Order of Good Templars. He also held membership in many other fraternal organizations. He was one of the oldest and most respected of Waupun's pioneers and his death removed from Wisconsin one of its most widely known and highly esteemed citizens. He was united in marriage December 25, 1835, to Miss Lucy Ann Whiting, a native of Springfield, New York, at which place her birth occurred April 12, 1816. Her life record covered seventy-three years, her death occurring in 1889. She was a daughter of the Rev. Caleb and Phoebe (Crumb) Whiting, both of whom were natives of New York. The father, during life, was one of the most prominent among the pioneer Methodist preachers of the eastern states. Mr. and Mrs. Gee became the parents of six children: Oscar F., who was a soldier in the Civil war and died shortly after his return from exposure during the service; Vestalina, who after the death of her first husband, Edward Robbins, married Frank Sikes; Truman, a veteran of the Civil war, now residing in Denver, Colorado; J. Edward, who served in the Civil war, now deceased; John Wesley, who lost his life in the Civil conflict from a wound at Antietam; and Ella E., the wife of the subject of this review. Mr. Gee left upon his death as descendants eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

To Mr. Oliver by his first marriage was born one son, Elmer R., who is an employe of the government and resides in Spokane, Washington. There were no children by the second marriage. Mr. Oliver is a member of the republican party and for seven years was the city clerk of Waupun. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for the past thirty years has been treasurer of the lodge and has filled all the chairs. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Oliver is one of the well known and influential citizens of his state and county. His long service in connection with the Waupun Leader and later in his monument business has brought him in contact with varied business interests of the state, and among all his friends and associates his integrity has been above suspicion while the influence of his life has always been upon the side of every moral and political issue of public interest intended to improve the condition of the people in the community in which he lives.

ROBERT T. MELLIS.

Robert T. Mellis, of the Mellis-Briggs Company, is one of the younger but none the less enterprising and capable business men of Fond du Lac, whose future gives every assurance of being most promising. He was born in Empire, Wisconsin, on the 4th of August, 1884, and is of Scottish extraction. His father, James T. Mellis was born in Scotland in 1851 and there passed the first

twenty-seven years of his life. In 1878, he emigrated to the United States, locating in Fond du Lac county, where he met and subsequently married Miss Lydia Ferguson, the mother of our subject, who is also a native of Empire. Mr. Mellis devoted his energies to farming in which he was actively engaged until his death. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mellis, the elder being James, who is living on a farm at Empire.

Robert T. Mellis attended the graded and high schools of Fond du Lac in the acquirement of an education until he had attained the age of twenty-one years. He then laid aside his text-books and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Not finding the work congenial, however, he left the farm at the expiration of three years and applied himself to the study of electricity. He possesses unusual mechanical skill and here found ample opportunity to exercise his inherent ability along lines that not only afforded him pleasure and joy in working but also proved to be lucrative. Together with others he subsequently organized the Briggs Electrical Company, of which he was president for some time. This enterprise was sold two years ago, and very soon thereafter Mr. Mellis and Leland Briggs founded the Mellis-Briggs Company. They are engaged in various lines of electrical work but make a specialty of installing storage battery lighting plants, and are meeting with excellent success. The firm has become well known in this vicinity, during the brief period of its existence, and as their work is highly satisfactory and is in every way equal to representations, they are being favored with constantly increasing orders.

Mr. Mellis chose for his wife and helpmate Miss Helen Powrie, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Powrie of this city, and they have become the parents of two children, Marjorie and Helen.

The family attend the Presbyterian church of which the parents are members, and the fraternal relations of Mr. Mellis are confined to his connection with the Modern Woodmen of America. He takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the progress or development of the community and is a member of the Business Men's Club, while in politics he is a republican. The success that has attended the efforts of Mr. Mellis must be largely attributed to the fact that he found the work to which he was adapted and then concentrated his entire energies upon a definite achievement.

PAUL SEEFELD.

Paul Seefeld is successfully engaging in general farming and stock-raising in Osceola township, where he owns a hundred and sixty acres of well cultivated land. His place of birth was Germany and his natal day May 30, 1861. He is a son of Gottlieb and Johannah (Engel) Seefeld, likewise natives of Germany, where the mother passed away when our subject was a child of six years. The father, who subsequently married Johannah Rackow, together with his wife and family, consisting of nine children, emigrated to the United States in 1868, locating in Washington county, Wisconsin. There he bought a tract of partially improved land and continued his agricultural pursuits. He has now attained the venerable age of eighty-two years and still makes his home on his farm, where he lives practically retired.

Paul Seefeld was about seven years of age when his family left the old country, so he has been practically reared in Wisconsin, and is indebted to the district schools of Washington county for his education. He early began assisting with the work of the home farm, and when his school days were over gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He worked out by the month for his father and other agriculturists until he was thirty-three years of age, when he rented a place in Osceola township, which he cultivated for five years. His

efforts in this direction proved so lucrative that he was subsequently able to purchase the place he now owns. He has met with success in its development and holds the title to a hundred and sixty acres of well improved and cultivated land.

On the 15th of April, 1888, Mr. Seefeld was married to Miss Emma Langner, a daughter of Carl and Christina Langner, pioneer settlers of Sheboygan county, where their daughter was born. Seven children have been born of this marriage in the following order: Malinda, whose natal day was March 16, 1890; Arthur, who was born on the 25th of February, 1891; Delia, whose birth occurred January 19, 1892; Mollie, who was born on Christmas day, 1894; Ervin, whose natal day was the 15th of January, 1897; Loella, who was born on the 18th of April, 1899; and Paul, whose birth occurred on February 6, 1902.

The family have been reared in the faith of the German Lutheran church, in which the parents hold membership. Mr. Seefeld is one of the hard working, capable citizens of Osceola township, where his honest and upright methods of conducting his business dealings has won him the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen.

JULIUS F. BRAATZ.

Julius F. Braatz is farming one hundred and eighty acres of well improved land on section 27, Springvale township, and is well acquainted with the details connected with the management and operation of a large agricultural enterprise. He is one of the most successful farmers in the district and has spent practically all his life in agricultural pursuits and has that expert knowledge of his business which can come only through long personal experience. Mr. Braatz was born in Clyman township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, January 9, 1867, and is the son of August William and Johanna (Penn) Braatz, both natives of Germany.

Julius F. Braatz was educated in the district schools and his early life was spent in aiding his father in the work of the farm. When he was twenty-three years of age he rented his father's place and for three years was the sole manager, bringing the property to an excellent condition and carrying on systematically the work of improvement. In 1893 he came to Fond du Lac county, where he purchased from John Stockley one hundred and ten acres of land on section 27, Springvale township, and began its cultivation. During the nineteen years in which he has been the proprietor of this farm he has carried on its operation along the most modern and progressive lines, has adhered to the policy of expansion, built suitable barns and outbuildings and improved his property by persistent labor and intelligent application, and he now has one of the most valuable tracts of land in the district. He has added seventy acres to his original purchase and now owns one hundred and eighty acres all under cultivation. He has an attractive and pleasant home upon his farm and carries on general farming and stock-raising. He has a large dairy and keeps a herd of twenty high-grade Holstein cows for this purpose, at the head of which is a registered animal.

On March 25, 1891, Mr. Braatz was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Schultz, a daughter of August and Augusta (Dunning) Schultz, both natives of Germany. The father was a farmer and came to the United States when he was fifteen years of age, locating near Wausau, Wisconsin, whence he later removed to Green Lake county, just west of the Fond du Lac county line. Here he bought land and farmed until 1902, when he retired from active life and moved to the village of Ripon, where he and his wife now reside. To them were born four children: Albert, of Fairbanks, Alaska; Alvena, the wife of John

Plagens, of Garden City, South Dakota; Agnes, now Mrs. J. F. Braatz; and Alexander, of Ripon, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Braatz are the parents of four children: Hazel, born May 11, 1896, is now a student in the Brandon high school, a member of the class of 1915, and lives at home; Esther, born August 12, 1898, is also pursuing her studies in the Brandon high school; Edgar, born October, 22, 1900, attends school in joint district No. 10 of Springvale township; and Forrest, born July 6, 1906, is attending the same school.

In his political affiliations Mr. Braatz is a republican and is now serving his second term as director in joint school district No. 10 of Springvale township. He is one of the organizers and a stockholder in the Brick Cheese Factory Company of Springvale township and is also interested in the Farmers Elevator Company of Brandon. Fond du Lac county is a fertile and productive region and has been a source of much wealth and prosperity. No man has done more toward its development and improvement than has Julius F. Braatz and his success is the just reward of his intelligent labors.

JOHN DORNBROOK.

For almost a quarter of a century John Dornbrook has been progressively active in scientific agriculture in Springvale township and is now operating a fine farm of one hundred and forty-one acres on section 21, where he has been engaged in general farming and stock-raising for eighteen years. His intelligent activity has brought his property to a high state of cultivation and has ranked him among expert breeders of high-grade cattle. He is prosperous and successful, and has brought about this happy result by unflagging industry and efficient promotion of his interests. He was born in Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Germany, on April 20, 1840, and is a son of Christopher and Reka (Dornbrook) Dornbrook, natives of that country. His parents' marriage occurred in the fatherland, and in 1869 they came to the United States locating in Ripon, Wisconsin, where the father obtained work on a farm. In 1873 while hauling cornstalks from Rosendale he met with an accident, falling off his wagon and being instantly killed. His wife survived him for a few years, dying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Stints in Rosendale, at the age of eighty-five years.

John Dornbrook spent his early life in Germany and was educated in the schools of that country. He helped his father with the work of the farm until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he crossed the Atlantic to America, making the journey alone. He landed in Buffalo with but twenty-five cents in his pocket and this capital has formed the foundation of a long, active and important career. He immediately obtained a position chopping wood at twenty-five cents per cord and for some time met with many hardships and difficulties. He was very poor and even by laboring early and late was not able to make more than a bare living. In 1861 he went to Canada and worked upon a farm near St. Thomas, being in the employ of one man for five years. He later went to Bay City, Michigan, and worked in a sawmill in that community for three years. One of his letters from home made mention of a cousin who was living in Ripon, Wisconsin, and Mr. Dornbrook immediately joined his relative in that city. He took up farming some time afterward, renting on shares for several years and by strict economy and thrift was able to save enough money to purchase his present farm of one hundred and forty-one acres on section 21, Springvale township. For eighteen years John Dornbrook has been active and successful as a general agriculturist and stock-raiser. He has improved his farm and made it productive to its highest extent, operating it along scientific and practical lines. He has remodeled the buildings and made them up to date and sanitary in every respect. He has planted his fields in the grains most suitable to the

soil and climate and rich harvests reward his systematic efforts. In 1908 he built an attractive home upon his property, equipped it with all the comforts and luxuries of a modern dwelling and in this he now resides. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and has a dairy herd of twenty-four graded Holstein cows. He owns also one full blooded Holstein bull, registered in Vermont, which he purchased of Mr. Mullen of Watertown, Wisconsin. He is one of the representative men of the section in which he resides, prosperous and successful and he owes his advancement in life entirely to his own efforts and indefatigable labors. He started out almost penniless and with no assets beyond his determination and ability.

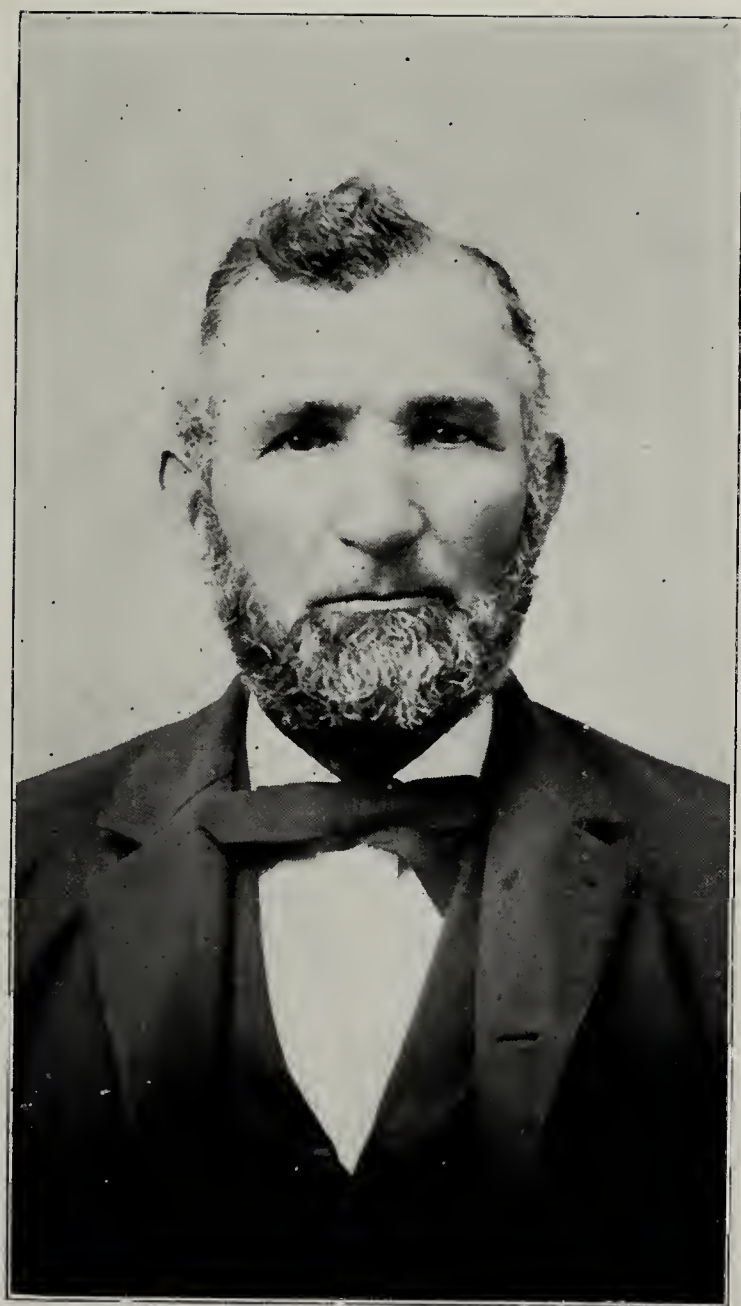
John Dornbrook married Miss Hattie Schultz. Her parents were natives of Germany and her father was a laborer in that country where he died. His wife, whose maiden name was Wilhelmina Felt, married again, her second husband being August Leek, and in 1866 they came to the United States, locating in Buffalo. One year later they came to Ripon, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and Mr. Leek died in that county. His wife passed away in Ripon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Annette Coleman. Mrs. Dornbrook was born in Germany on January 10, 1843, and came to America when she was twenty-three years of age. Her marriage to the subject of this review occurred in this country and to them were born eight children: William, whose birth occurred on July 28, 1873, and who has been chief engineer on the Great Lakes for seventeen years; Frederic, born April 4, 1875, who is chief engineer for an electrical plant in Milwaukee; John, who passed away at the age of thirty-three years; Frank, born January 21, 1878, and who is following agriculture in Rogersville, Fond du Lac county; Henry, born March 4, 1880, acting as foreman of a machine shop in Milwaukee; Elsie, born April 14, 1883, who is at home; Herman, born October 5, 1885, who is now chief engineer of an electric lighting plant in Milwaukee; and Albert, born September 6, 1887, who is assisting his father with the work of the farm.

Politically Mr. Dornbrook is a democrat and has served as supervisor of his township for two years. He is interested in every phase of the development of his community and gives his active support to any measure which has for its object the promotion of the general welfare. He is a stockholder in the Brick Cheese Company of Springvale township. He has shown ability in public service which is only equalled by his agricultural talents. He is a member of the Lutheran church in Ripon, Wisconsin, to which faith his wife also gives her allegiance. His career has been upright and honorable and in its activities he has been actuated by the high standards taught him in his youth. He realizes that the development of his section is directly dependent upon the success of individuals and he welcomes his personal prosperity as a factor in county and state expansion.

BERTRAM THELEN.

One of the most progressive, enterprising and successful farmers in Fond du Lac county is Bertram Thelen, a native son of the district, who is operating the farm upon which he was born and is associated with his father in the conduct of a prosperous and well managed enterprise. He is the son of Michael and Francesca (Beisler) Thelen, natives of Germany, and is the third of the name to farm in Fond du Lac county. The grandfather purchased fifty acres of land in this section upon coming from his native country to America and he cultivated the soil successfully until his death, which occurred in 1869.

The father of our subject was born in Germany in 1834 and came to America, with his parents, Matthias and Annie Helena Thelen, in 1850, and to Fond du



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL THELEN

Lac county May 1, 1855. He settled in Ashford township, where nine years later his marriage occurred. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Francesca Beisler, a native of Germany, who came to the United States with her parents, George and Katherine Beisler, when she was four years of age. Michael Thelen is today one of the prominent and successful agriculturists in the township in which he resides. He began his career as farmer in 1864, when he purchased forty acres in Ashford township, to which he has added from time to time until he is now the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres. He is widely known and has many friends in this district, where his public spirit has gained him recognition. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the local insane asylum for twenty years and has done able and progressive work along this line. He was also appointed a member of the tax commission of Brown county in 1886 by Judge Hastings of Green Bay to equalize the assessment of Brown county. In 1887 he was appointed by Judge Meyers, now deceased, of Outagamie county, to serve in the same capacity in Outagamie county, and in 1903 was appointed by Judge Goodland of the same county to serve the second time. He was a member of the building committee to build the county courthouse and continued on this committee to build the insane asylum. He served for fourteen years as town chairman. He and his wife became the parents of nine children, two of whom, Matthias and Regina, are now deceased. Those who survive are, Isabella, Katherine, Frank, Johannah, Bertram, Mary and Annie.

Bertram Thelen was born July 22, 1871, and received his education in the district schools of Ashford township. He spent his childhood and early youth upon his father's farm and is still active in its management and operation. On November 28, 1899, he married Miss Elizabeth Fleischmann, a daughter of Adam and Mary Fleischmann, of Lomira, and in that section Mrs. Thelen was born January 11, 1881. She and her husband became the parents of five children: Matthias, born December 10, 1900; Max, who is deceased; Leo, born January 22, 1905; Alexander, born June 23, 1908; and Frank, born November 16, 1911. The family belong to St. Martin's Catholic church and are well and favorably known throughout Fond du Lac county.

Mr. Thelen is following out the agricultural methods learned in his youth and has met with gratifying but natural success. He is a worthy son of his father both as an agriculturist, which entitles him to rank among the valued citizens of his community, and in his personal standards and qualifications, which make him an honest and upright man.

DANIEL SULLIVAN.

Daniel Sullivan, extensively engaged in farming in Osceola township, Wisconsin, is the third of the name in the ancestral line and also the third representative of his family in America. He was born on May 22, 1880, and has gained success and esteem as an agriculturist. His family was founded in America by his grandparents, Daniel and Katherine Sullivan, who came to the United States with their family at an early date. The first Daniel Sullivan settled in Milwaukee and from there removed to the city of Fond du Lac where he resided for a short time. He eventually bought unbroken land in Osceola township and transformed it into a rich and fertile farm. He cleared the land with his own hands, and from the lumber which he felled built for himself a rude log shanty in which he lived for some time. His son, Daniel Sullivan, the second of the name, lived on the home place until he married Miss Margaret Cavanaugh. She was born in Ireland and came to the United States in 1855. The Cavanaugh family settled in Massachusetts where Mrs. Sullivan's father died. Her mother eventually came to the town of Osceola where she passed away in 1887. When

the second Daniel Sullivan was married his father gave him a portion of his holdings in Osceola township, and on this land he built a new and modernly equipped house and improved and cultivated the land for many years before his death, in 1901, when he was sixty-five years of age. On his holdings his son, Daniel Sullivan III, was born and at an early age began his agricultural career. He was one of four children, and had one brother, John, and two sisters, Grace and Carrie.

Daniel Sullivan's early education was received in the district schools of Osceola township. He was familiar from an early date with the best methods of cultivating the soil, early gaining an extensive knowledge of land values and agricultural economic conditions. The familiarity with farming and his personal experience in the labors peculiar to the carrying on of a large agricultural enterprise have been valuable assets to him all during his life and are the dominating factors in his success. He is living upon the land which descended to him from his father and is rapidly becoming known as a progressive and scientific farmer. His mother and sister Carrie make their home with our subject and are active aids in the cultivation of the farm. He has never taken an active part in political affairs, preferring to concentrate his energies upon the work in connection with his farm. He holds membership in the Roman Catholic church, and his religion dominates and influences his life and adds to his qualities of intelligence and honorable activity.

CHARLES S. LARGE.

Charles S. Large owns one hundred and sixty acres of well cultivated land located on section 6, Oakfield township, where he is successfully engaging in general farming and stock-raising. He is a native of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred in the township where he now resides on the 15th of May, 1864. His parents, Levy and Nancy (Kenedy) Large, were born, reared and married in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, the father's birth having there occurred in 1821. He located here about 1854 and engaged in farming during the remainder of his active life, his death occurring in 1891, at the age of seventy years. Our subject is the seventh in order of birth in a family of eight, the others being as follows: Cyrus W., Samuel L., Josephine N., Mattie J., Sarah E., Emma M., and Francis, who died in infancy.

Practically the entire life of Charles S. Large has been passed in the vicinity of his present home. His boyhood and youth were very much the same as those of other lads who were reared in the rural sections of Wisconsin during the pioneer period. He began his education in the district schools and completed it in the Oakfield public schools, terminating his student days at the age of seventeen years. In common with the majority of country youths he was already familiar with the various operations connected with the tilling of the fields and care of the crops, and for seven years thereafter assisted his father with the cultivation of the home farm. Owing to the state of his health the succeeding two years were spent in travel, and at the expiration of that time he returned to Fond du Lac county, and purchased the place where he now lives. He took possession of the property in 1892, and has ever since diligently applied himself to its further improvement and cultivation with excellent success. The entire tract is being operated and a large portion of it is in a high state of productivity. In connection with general farming, Mr. Large is engaged in stock-raising and now has thirty head of cattle and five horses.

At Oakfield, Wisconsin, on the 4th of May, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Large and Miss Alice M. Briggs, a daughter of Jeremiah and Harriet Briggs, well known farming people in the vicinity of Oakfield, and to them

has been born one son, Ward B., whose natal day was October 31, 1893. He is now a student in the Oakfield high school.

The political allegiance of Mr. Large is accorded to the republican party and he served as road supervisor. He is one of the foremost business men in his community, where he is held in high regard by reason of his honorable methods of conducting his transactions and also because of the interest he manifests in all matters of citizenship.

DEE MORROW, D. M. D.

Dr. Morrow, who has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in Fond du Lac for five years, was born at Carrollton, Illinois, on the 13th of September, 1872. His parents, James P. and Harriet (Hinton) Morrow, still reside in Carrollton, where for many years the father has engaged in the hardware business. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow are the parents of three sons and one daughter, our subject being the second in order of birth. The others are as follows: Porter, who married Bella Brown of Carrollton and has one daughter, Portia; Mabel, who is deceased; and John, who married Effie Ferguson of Canton, Illinois, and has two sons, Charles and Robert.

The preliminary education of Dr. Morrow was acquired in the graded and high schools of his native town, after which he matriculated in the dental department of Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, from which institution he was graduated in 1894 with the degree of D. M. D. Immediately thereafter he opened an office at Girard, Illinois, but after engaging in practice there for a year he removed to Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He remained in the latter place until 1905, when he spent a year in Chicago, coming from there to Fond du Lac in 1907. Dr. Morrow has been associated in practice with Dr. Hildreth during the greater part of his residence here, but on the 1st of February, 1912, he bought out the latter and is now practicing alone. He is a very able representative of his profession and does his work in a thorough and scientific manner.

Dr. Morrow married Miss Irene Armstrong of Girard, Illinois, a daughter of C. C. Armstrong, a well known druggist of that city, and to them have been born three children, James L., Lum Armstrong, and Dorothea Dee.

Fraternally Dr. Morrow belongs to Poplar Bluff Lodge, No. 209, A. F. & A. M., Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and both he and Mrs. Morrow are members of the Congregational church of this city. He is affiliated with the Business Men's Association and in politics he is independent. Dr. Morrow is held in favorable regard by both his fellow practitioners and those who have engaged his services, as he maintains a high standard of professional ethics and is most conscientious and efficient in the discharge of his duties.

REV. STEPHEN ZOHLLEN.

Rev. Stephen Zohlen, pastor of the German Roman Catholic church in Byron township, was born in Germany on the 16th of August, 1878. He is a son of John and Josephine (Schroers) Zohlen, also natives of Germany. The father, who was an organist, emigrated to the United States with his family in the early '90s, first locating in California. After three years' residence there he came to Wisconsin, settling in Sheboygan county, where he passed away in 1898. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Zohlen numbered ten, our subject being the second in order of birth and the eldest son. The other members are as follows: Eliza-

beth, who died at the age of ten years; Mary and Hannah, living; Gertrude, Rosalia and Gertrude, who died in infancy; August; John; and Josephine. The mother, who is still living, keeps house for our subject.

The first thirteen years in the life of Father Zohlen were passed in the land of his birth, where he began his education. While residing in California he attended the parochial schools, but after coming to Wisconsin he entered St. Francis Seminary at Milwaukee, where he continued his studies for ten years. Subsequently he was for two years assistant at St. Anthony's church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1907 the Bishop assigned him to the church at Byron, where he has since been located. During the period of his pastorate here he has greatly endeared himself to the members of his parish as well as the citizens of the community generally, as he is a man of high standards and excellent principles. He is well qualified for the duties of his calling by reason of his inherent qualities, possessing one of those kindly, helpful natures, which prompts him to take an active interest in all matters pertaining to either the physical or spiritual welfare of his people. He has done most creditable work during the period of his connection here, the parish having made marked progress and development under his capable ministrations. Father Zohlen takes a laudable interest in township affairs and accords his political support to the democratic party.

JOHN M. CROSSMAN.

John M. Crossman, one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Springvale, his native township, is the owner of eighty acres of land and devotes his attention to the pursuits of general farming and stock-raising. His birth occurred on the 4th of May, 1861, his parents being Stephen and Harriet (Lewis) Crossman. The father, a farmer by occupation, was born at Crown Point, Essex county, New York, on the 21st of August, 1822, while the mother, of Welsh descent, was born at Tupperstown, Vermont, in the foothills of the Green Mountains, on the 5th of December, 1828. They were married at Crown Point, New York, in 1845, came west the same year and located in Rosendale township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. Stephen Crossman took up a quarter section of land and resided thereon for two years, at the expiration of which period he disposed of the farm and returned to New York. At the end of two years' residence in the Empire state they again came to Rosendale, Wisconsin, Mr. Crossman arriving here with but ten cents in his pocket. He took up his abode in a log house owned by Henry Wheeler in the village of Rosendale and immediately set out to find work, scorning no employment that would yield him an honest dollar. He worked at butchering for a time and operated the Wheeler farm for two years. Subsequently he purchased eighty acres of land on section 1, Springvale township, making his home thereon until 1889, when he disposed of the property and took up his abode in the village of Rosendale. Later he removed to a farm near Manchester, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, where he resided for two years, at the end of which time he went to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and subsequently to Waupun, this state. He finally located in Fair Water, this county, passing away in the spring of 1906. His remains were interred in the Rosendale cemetery, as were also those of his wife, who died in the following fall. The record of their children is as follows: Julian, who is deceased; Harriet, the wife of V. A. Curtis, a retired agriculturist of Rosendale, Wisconsin; William H., who is living retired at Milwaukee; Emma M., the wife of J. W. Sizer, of Lamartine township; John M., of this review; and Frank Lewis, who follows farming in Springvale township.

John M. Crossman attended school in the village of Rosendale and assisted his father in the work of the fields until twenty-eight years of age or until the

time of his marriage. Following that important event in his life he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating a rented farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Lamartine township for one year. In 1890 he purchased the farm of eighty acres in Springvale township, on which he has resided continuously since. He raises stock in connection with the cultivation of cereals, breeding full-blooded Shropshire sheep for the market, and he also has a dairy herd of ten graded Holsteins. Everything about his place is indicative of the supervision of a practical and progressive owner and he is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 16th of October, 1889, John M. Crossman was united in marriage to Miss Lucy I. Harmer, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Relph) Harmer, both of whom were natives of England. The father was a thatcher by trade. In 1848 Mr. and Mrs. Harmer emigrated to the United States and located on the farm which is now in possession of our subject, being among the very earliest settlers of Springvale township. They later removed to Jackson county, Wisconsin, but eventually returned to Springvale township, this county, passing away, on the old homestead on which Mr. Crossman resides. This farm was purchased by the grandfather of Mrs. Crossman in 1848, the year of his arrival in America. The death of William Harmer occurred in May, 1887, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1878. Their remains were interred in the Rogersville cemetery. To them were born seven children, as follows: Harriet, who is the wife of John Slosser, an agriculturist of Jackson county, Wisconsin; Phoebe, the widow of Bernard Walker, who was a farmer residing in Santa Ana, California; Emma, who is the wife of Henry Hosford, a ranchman of Glasgow, Montana; Hannah, who gave her hand in marriage to William Potter, a farmer of Melrose, Wisconsin; Mrs. Lucy Crossman; William, an agriculturist residing at Schaller, North Dakota; and James, who conducts a meat market at Rosendale, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Crossman also have seven children, namely: Wayne Stephen, born February 25, 1891, who resides with his parents and is employed as a farm hand in Metomen township; John William, whose birth occurred on the 11th of November, 1892, and who is also employed as a farm hand; Frank Lewis, born April 30, 1894, who lives at home with his parents; Harriet Elizabeth, whose natal day was June 22, 1895, and who expects to complete the course of study in the Rosendale high school in 1913; Lucy Belle, born February 17, 1897; Dean Harold, whose birth occurred on the 16th of March, 1899; and Lynwood Julian, who was born on the 6th of May, 1901. The three last named are at home and are students in district school No. 1 of Springvale township.

In politics Mr. Crossman is a republican, having supported the men and measures of that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Mrs. Crossman belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Rogersville, Wisconsin. Their lives have been such as to gain for them the esteem and friendship of those with whom they come in contact.

ANDREW SEFFERN.

Andrew Seffern has for many years been successfully engaged in farming in Friendship township. He was born in Germany in 1857 and is a son of Peter and Mary (Schweisthal) Seffern, both of whom were natives of Germany and in their native land spent all the years of their lives. Andrew Seffern was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in his native country. On reaching American shores he engaged in farming and has since continued to give his attention to that occupation as a means for obtaining a livelihood.

Andrew Seffern was united in marriage in the township of Friendship to Miss Anna Katie Freitag, who is a daughter of Beat and Elizabeth (Miller) Freitag. Her parents were among the early settlers in Friendship township, having established their home there in the early '50s. Mr. and Mrs. Seffern are the parents of five children, as follows: John Beat, a young man of twenty-five years; Elizabeth Carey, who is twenty-four years old; William Edward, Rosina Anna and Oscar Andrew, who are twenty-one, twenty and sixteen years of age respectively. Mr. Seffern belongs to the republican party and is a member of the German Methodist Episcopal church. He is one of the enterprising citizens of Friendship township and a man who is well and favorably known throughout the county of Fond du Lac, in which he has spent the major portion of his industrious life.

. PHILIP J. LERCH.

A history of the agricultural development of Byron township would not be complete which did not contain the record of Philip J. Lerch, who was one of the pioneer settlers. He has been living retired since 1895, but for many years he was actively engaged in farming in which he met with success, becoming the owner of four hundred acres of fertile land. His life record began in Germany on the 22d of March, 1840, his parents being Jacob and Katheryn (Kramer) Lerch. The parents were likewise natives of Germany, the father's birth having occurred in 1815 and that of the mother in 1819. They were married in 1838 and made their home in their native country until 1855, when they emigrated to the United States, first settling in Milwaukee. A year later they came to Fond du Lac county and here the father purchased forty acres of land for five hundred dollars. He diligently applied himself to the improvement and cultivation of his farm, and as his circumstances enabled him increased his holdings until his landed possessions aggregated two hundred acres. He passed away in 1894 and the mother in 1897. To them were born four children, of whom our subject is the eldest. In order of birth the other members of the family are, Margaret, Peter and Elizabeth.

Philip J. Lerch was reared in his native land to the age of fourteen years, and there he received his schooling. For two years after the family came to America he was employed in the city of Milwaukee, but he subsequently came to Fond du Lac county and assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm until his marriage in 1863. He then purchased forty acres of land and engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account. The thrift and diligence he acquired from a long line of Teutonic ancestors have constituted dominant factors in the success which attended his efforts, numbering him among the efficient and capable citizens of Byron township. As time passed he added to his holdings until he owned four hundred acres of well improved and cultivated land when he retired in 1895. It had been acquired through his individual efforts, as he had made his own way from the time he arrived in America, and such success as came to him was the result of his intelligently and capably directed energies. He is now residing on the farm, enjoying in the evening of life the ease and comfort denied him in youth, and without doubt finds his greatest satisfaction in the thought that he has utilized to the best of his advantage every opportunity afforded him.

At Fond du Lac on the 12th of February, 1863, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Lerch and Miss Paulina Bodamer, a daughter of Philip F. and Johanna (Markle) Bodamer. The parents were natives of Indiana, whence they came to Wisconsin in 1846, and thereafter made this state their home, the father's death occurring in 1880 and that of the mother in 1879. The family of Mr. and

Mrs. Bodamer numbered seven: Sophia, the wife of Peter Smith, by whom she has had seven children; Matilda, who married Mathias Smith and has four children; Louisa, who became the wife of John Smith and the mother of seven children; Henrietta, who married Charles Kasdorff, by whom she has had seven children; Mrs. Lerch; Minnie, who passed away in 1892, at the age of forty-six years; and Caroline, the wife of Henry Bates of Byron township and the mother of five children. The first four named are residing in the state of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Lerch became the parents of three children: Louisa K., who died at the age of eighteen months in 1865; Ernest F., who married Emma Kimmel of Lomira, Dodge county, and has two sons, Walter and Ernest F. Jr.; and Philip J., Jr., who married Helena Kimmel, also of Lomira, and has become the father of three children, Truman M., Lena and Irvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lerch were both raised in the faith of the Lutheran church. Mr. Lerch votes the republican ticket and for nine years he served as supervisor of Byron township and was chairman for two. He is now treasurer of the Byron Cemetery Association. Both he and Mrs. Lerch are widely and favorably known in this vicinity where they have many friends, being people of most estimable qualities, the worth of which has been thoroughly tested during the long period of their residence in this section. Mr. Lerch has always maintained that his success is very largely attributable to the help rendered him by his wife, who is known as a most efficient manager and housewife. Her opinion and advice were often sought in matters of business and frequently her judgment and foresight strongly influenced his final decisions in transactions of vital importance.

GEORGE W. CASE.

George W. Case, who is successfully identified with the agricultural development of Byron township, has been residing on the farm he now owns on section 36 for forty-six years. His birth occurred in Springport, New York, on the 25th of March, 1860, his parents being Gilbert and Josephine (Myers) Case. The father was born in New Jersey in 1836, but the mother was a native of the Empire state. They passed the early years of their married life in New York, whence they removed with their family to Wisconsin in 1866, settling on the farm now owned by their son George. They were the parents of the following children, of whom our subject is the eldest; Ida; Jennie; Charles, a resident of Seattle, Washington; Austin, a farmer of Byron township; Justin; Marie; Maud, who passed away in 1903; Mabel; and Cora. Austin and Justin are twins.

George Case was about six years of age when his parents removed to Wisconsin, so that he was largely reared in Fond du Lac county, obtaining his education in the district schools of Byron township. He terminated his student days when he was a youth of sixteen and thereafter assisted his father, until qualified to begin farming for himself. He is a man of good judgment and foresight, practical ideas and systematic methods, which qualities have constituted strong factors in his success. That he had led a life of activity and enterprise is substantially evidenced by the appearance of his farm, which stands as a monument to his energies and well entitles him to be numbered among the township's representative agriculturists.

At Oakfield, this state, on the 15th of February, 1894, Mr. Case was married to Miss Emma G. Hayes, a daughter of Ellis and Mary Ann Hayes. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother of Vermont, but they were early Fond du Lac county pioneers and were married in Byron on the 16th of September, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Case have one son, Oscar.

The family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church. In matters politic Mr. Case is a democrat and served as school clerk in his district for twelve years. He is a man of energy and determination of purpose, and such success as has come to him is the result of constant effort and application, rather than favorable circumstances.

GEORGE W. COLE.

When George W. Cole died on his farm in Springvale township on April 8, 1912, a pioneer in Fond du Lac county's settlement and an organizer and promoter of its development, an able agriculturist, an upright, straightforward and honorable gentleman passed away. He had seen the development of the village of Brandon and had witnessed its evolution from an unsettled tract of land to a well managed and prosperous village. George W. Cole was born in Broad Alban, Fulton county, New York, on February 1, 1833, and is of English ancestry. On his mother's side he is a descendant of the Chase family of England. His father died when he was ten years of age and his mother with eight children came to Wisconsin in 1852, locating on the farm where the daughter of our subject, Mrs. Cairns, now lives on section 31, Springvale township. In possession of the family is a government deed for this property which cost at the time it was purchased four dollars per acre.

George W. Cole was educated in the public schools of New York and after he had attained his majority worked upon farms in that section for several years. He came to Wisconsin at an early date and was among the first settlers in Springvale township. On his first arrival in the city of Fond du Lac it was a village poorly managed and with mud knee deep in the streets. He purchased a pair of rubber boots and started out to obtain employment. He waded through the mud to the site of the present village of Brandon, decided to stop in that vicinity and there spent the remaining years of his life. He purchased land in Springvale township, buying sixty acres from the government, to which he later added ninety acres and was active in the cultivation and development of the soil for many years. Later the failing health of his wife obliged them to go to Brandon, where they remained for some time until her more severe illness compelled them to return to the farm, where they made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Cairns, on the old homestead. Mrs. Cole passed away on February 23, 1912, and our subject died seven weeks later, on April 8, of the same year. His farm work was always of the progressive and capable kind which is a valuable asset in any community and his acres were productive because they were intelligently cultivated. His death was not only a loss to his many friends but had a broader effect since it deprived Springvale township of a man who from pioneer times had developed its resources.

On July 26, 1863, George W. Cole was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Paine, a daughter of James T. and Sarah (Kimball) Paine. Mrs. Cole was a native of Greenwood, Maine. To Mr. and Mrs. Cole were born four children. The eldest is Willis, who follows carpentering in Linden, Washington, and who married Miss Nellie Brown. He has eight children, seven of whom are living: Lloyd; George, deceased; Fred; Ray; Harry; Marion; Nellie; and Lester. Ida May is the wife of David Cairns, one of the well known young farmers in Springvale township, who operates the Cole homestead. David Cairns was born in Fintry, Stirlingshire, Scotland, on January 28, 1866, and is a son of Peter and Isabella (Shearer) Cairns. He came to the United States when he was fifteen years of age and settled in Brandon, where for several years he worked in a cooper shop. After his marriage he followed farming and moved upon the property where he is now residing. The two other children born to Mr. and Mrs.

Cole were: Susan, who passed away when she was twenty-three years of age; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood.

George W. Cole was a stanch prohibitionist and was justice of the peace in Brandon for many years. He was interested in education and served for a long period as clerk and director of school district No. 8. He was one of the representative and successful citizens of his district and his prosperity was evidenced by the excellent condition of his farm and his popularity was proved by the respect and esteem in which he was held by his friends. His memorial notice says: "Mr. Cole was a man of public spirit and was on the side of the better life of the community. His was a rugged, honest character and he always tried to do his duty and was respected for his adherence to his convictions. Hard work was his joy, and he would not give up till his strength completely failed. He never allied himself with the church but those who knew him best know how God drew him closer to himself in his later years."

WILLIAM MARQUARDT.

William Marquardt, who devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Fond du Lac, his native county, is the owner of a farm of thirty-three acres on section 10, Eldorado township. His birth occurred in Eldorado in the year 1884, his parents being Ferdinand and Bertha (Totts) Marquardt. The father came to this county about 1881 and settled on the place where our subject now lives, clearing the land and bringing it under cultivation. Here he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in 1908.

William Marquardt attended school at Eldorado in his youthful years, acquiring an education that qualified him for the practical and responsible duties of later life. Since putting aside his text-books he has been steadily engaged in farming, acquiring thirty-three acres of the old homestead by purchase. His principal crops are corn, barley and hay, for which he finds a ready sale and thus has a good annual income. He has won a creditable measure of prosperity for one of his years and is widely recognized in his native township as a substantial and progressive agriculturist.

In 1908 William Marquardt was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Yanke, by whom he has a son, Harry, who is three years of age. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life.

GEORGE W. TICE.

George W. Tice, who for ten years has been engaged in the general mercantile business at Byron, was born in Auburn, Fond du Lac county, on the 5th of November, 1861. He is a son of Ralph and Mary Ann (McGee) Tice, both natives of New Jersey, the father's birth having there occurred in 1826. Farming always engaged the energies of Ralph Tice, who came west in 1848, and subsequently settled in Auburn township, where he passed away in 1911. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Tice is given below, our subject being the seventh in order of birth. Sarah, who is the eldest, married Jonathan Van Blarcom, a farmer of Prospect township, where he passed away in 1874. Later she became the wife of Louis B. Reed, a farmer of Mitchell, Sheboygan county, this state, at that time, but they now reside in Texas. By her first marriage she had one son, John P. John H., who is engaged in farming in South Dakota, married Amelia Bell of El Dorado. William N., a coal dealer of Fond du Lac, married Hannah Van

Blarcom. Mary L. became the wife of Henry Schroten, at that time a farmer in Iowa. Ralph is a farmer of South Dakota. Benjamin married Mary Hughes of Osceola township. Marie married Frank Delger, a farmer of this county. Frank, a traveling man residing at Marshfield, this state, married Mary Bingham, of Washington county.

George W. Tice began his education in the public schools of Prospect and completed it by a two-term course in Mann's Commercial College at Fond du Lac, terminating his student days at the age of twenty. He then left home and went west for a year, but at the expiration of that time he returned to Fond du Lac county and engaged in the cheese business. He withdrew from this industry sixteen years later and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, with which he was already familiar, having been reared on a farm. The subsequent two years were devoted to diversified farming in Byron township, but commercial activities proving more attractive to him he later disposed of his land and, coming to Byron in 1902, bought out the general mercantile store he is now conducting. His stock, which invoices four thousand dollars, has been selected with careful consideration to meet the various needs and circumstances of his patrons. He is very accommodating, his goods are honestly represented, and his prices moderate. As a result he has won the confidence of the people and is building up a large trade.

At Osceola on the 16th of April, 1890, Mr. Tice was married to Miss Mary M. Morgan, a daughter of Roger and Mellisa Morgan, farming people of that township. The father, who was born in Vermont in 1838, was one of Fond du Lac county's pioneers. He and the mother, who passed away in 1900, at the age of fifty-four years, were compelled to endure many of the hardships and privations incident to frontier life and for six weeks on one occasion were compelled to grind all of their wheat, barley and corn in a coffee mill. Mr. and Mrs. Tice have had one child, Mary Mellisa, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Tice are members of the Roman Catholic church and politically he is a republican. He takes an active interest in all local affairs and for ten years served as postmaster of Byron, while he was township treasurer for eight and school clerk for two. Mr. Tice has prospered in his business and is numbered among the substantial citizens of the village. He is manager of the Manitowoc Malting Company's elevator at Byron and he also owns and operates a cheese factory in Clark county, annually realizing from both a substantial income.

CARL HENRY BRUGGER.

The industrial interests of Fond du Lac find a worthy representative in Carl Henry Brugger, a member of the Longdin-Brugger Company, manufacturers of automobile tops, with plant and factory at the corner of West Second and Mary streets. At the outset of his career he fully recognized the fact that energy, determination and honorable dealing are indispensable elements to success and has ever utilized those qualities in winning advancement in the business world. He is a native of Fond du Lac, born November 27, 1875, his parents being Max and Mary (Esh) Brugger. In the paternal line he comes from German ancestry. His grandparents both spent their entire lives in Germany, and in Saxony Max Brugger was born and reared, also acquiring his education there. In early manhood he came to the United States and made his way to Wisconsin. Prior to the Civil war he enlisted as a member of the regular army and was engaged in fighting Indians on the frontier for five years. He afterward took up the work of a wood turner, which he followed for many years in Fond du Lac. He was killed in North Fond du Lac, September 30, 1901, in a street-car accident, when sixty-two years of age, passing away in the faith of the Catholic church. His widow,

who survives him, was a daughter of one of Wisconsin's early settlers. Her father was a cabinet-maker, who took up his abode at Beaver Dam when that section was largely unsettled. Both he and his wife died at a ripe old age after rearing a family of seven children, namely: Frances, Anna, Rosa, Dillie, Mary, John and Joseph. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Max Brugger there were born four children: Rosa, of Fond du Lac; Francis A., who is engaged in teaching in Milwaukee; George M., a real-estate dealer of Fond du Lac; and Carl H., of this review.

Carl Henry Brugger was reared in Fond du Lac and attended the public schools there. He afterward began learning the carriage trimmer's trade, which he followed for nine years and then put aside business cares in order to espouse the cause of his country, enlisting for service as a member of Company E, Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, in the Spanish-American war. He held the rank of sergeant and served until the close of the war, being on active duty in Porto Rico under General Nelson Miles. After receiving an honorable discharge he joined S. H. Longdin in the manufacture of carriage tops and from the beginning the enterprise has proven profitable. From time to time the business has been enlarged in its scope and in 1907 was incorporated, since which time they have manufactured automobile tops. They employ thirty-two people and sell the output of their factory in nearly every state in the Union. It is renowned for its excellence in workmanship and finish and the house sustains an unassailable reputation for promptness in delivery and for thorough reliability in all dealings.

On the 20th of May, 1902, Mr. Brugger was married to Miss Harriet M. Rogers, a daughter of James L. and Augusta Rogers, and they have two children, Max Curtis and Carl Lester. Mrs. Brugger is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Socially both Mr. and Mrs. Brugger are well known and have many friends in this city. Mr. Brugger has made continuous advancement since starting out in the business world, but the secret of his success is not hard to find. He early realized that there is no royal road to wealth and that there is no excellence without labor. He has therefore persistently and energetically conducted his business affairs, displaying sound judgment in managing his interests and thus in the course of years he has won a position among the prominent business men of his native city.

GUSTAVE TREPTO.

Gustave Trepto is the owner of a valuable farm on section 34, Springvale township, comprising an excellent tract of one hundred and twenty acres, highly improved and cultivated. He was born in Kewaunee county, December 12, 1870, and is a son of Martin and Caroline (Nimmer) Trepto. The father was a native of Trepto, Germany, and came to the United States when he was a young man. For several years he worked as a laborer upon different farms but after his marriage, which occurred at Cedarburg, he located on an eighty acre farm near Montpelier, where he lived during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1908. His wife passed away on the home farm in 1910. They were the parents of eleven children: Fred and Fred, the second of the name, both of whom are deceased; Albert, who is engaged in farming in Kewaunee county; Gustave, the subject of this review; Emma, the wife of Michael Lucas, who is employed in a foundry in Milwaukee; John, deceased; Frank, who is following agricultural pursuits in Fond du Lac township; Herman, who is operating the home farm in Kewaunee county; Ada, the wife of Adolph Middlestaad, who is employed in a foundry in Milwaukee; Reynold, deceased; and a child who died in infancy.

Gustave Trepto attended the district schools of his native county until he was twelve years of age. He helped his father in the operation of his farm until he was sixteen years and then started in life for himself as a laborer in Fond du Lac county. He worked in this capacity until he was twenty-four years of age, gaining during this time valuable experience in the details and methods of modern agriculture, which were an important asset to him in his later life. As soon as he was able he rented a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Waupun township and this he cultivated and improved for two years. At the end of that time he took up his residence on the Pallister property in the same section and for six years was successful in general farming upon the land. In 1902 he purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 34, Springvale township, and upon this he has since lived. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and keeps a herd of twelve high-grade cows for dairy purposes. The soil is rich and the land productive, owing to the care and labor which he bestows upon his enterprise, and his progressive and systematic methods have resulted in undeniable prosperity.

On December 13, 1893, Mr. Trepto was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Raube, a daughter of August Raube, of whom more extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. To their union were born the following children: Mary, who was born January 21, 1895, and who is residing at home with her parents; Ida, who was born September 24, 1898, and who is attending school in joint district No. 10, Springvale township; a twin brother of Ida, who died in infancy; Herbert, who was born February 27, 1901, and who is also attending district school No. 10; and Harold, who was born May 20, 1905, and who is likewise a student in district school No. 10.

Mr. Trepto and his family are members of the German Lutheran church of Brandon. He is a republican in his political views, being a firm believer in the principles and policies for which that party stands, and he always votes the ticket upon national and local questions. He is, however, not an office seeker, preferring to devote his energies to the management of his agricultural enterprise. He is a member of Equity Union and a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Companies of Waupun and Brandon. His life record illustrates the power of honesty and diligence in ensuring success. His labors have always been actively constructive and intelligently carried forward and have resulted in placing him at an early age in the front ranks of progressive farmers.

AUGUST E. ZANK.

August E. Zank, who owns eighty acres of land in Ripon township, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising, was born in the vicinity of Ripon on March 6, 1875. His parents, August and Mary (Lambert) Zank, were born, reared and married in Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States during the early period of their domestic life, locating near Ripon. There for several years the father worked out by the month as a farm hand, thus acquiring the means to make the first payment on eighty acres of land near the home of our subject. He continued his agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1902, at the age of sixty-four years. The mother, who is now seventy-seven, makes her home in Ripon. They were the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters.

August E. Zank was reared at home and educated in the common schools of Ripon. He early began assisting his father about the farm, and under his capable supervision and direction, became familiar with the practical methods of tilling the fields and caring for the crops. He subsequently rented the old Thayer farm, comprising four hundred and forty acres, which he cultivated for

ten years. In 1907, he invested the proceeds of his labor in his present farm, and is meeting with very good success in its development.

On the 6th of October, 1899, Mr. Zank was married to Miss Augusta Arndt, a daughter of John and Dorothy (Bendler) Arndt, natives of Germany, where they were also married. They came to America in early life, and in 1868 located on a farm in Green Lake county, this state, later coming to Fond du Lac county. The father passed away on the 14th of June, 1901, at the age of sixty-three years. The mother, whose natal day was August 30, 1836, is still living and now resides with our subject. They reared a family of ten children. To Mr. and Mrs. Zank have been born three children: Rosetta, who is twelve years of age; Leonard, who is eleven; and Wesley J., who is still in his infancy.

Mr. Zank votes the republican ticket and he and his family are members of the Evangelical church at Ripon. He has been very diligent and enterprising in his undertakings and is meeting with a corresponding degree of prosperity. He owns a fine herd of dairy cattle and one of the well improved and cultivated farms of the community, which have been acquired through his own diligence and perseverance.

LYLE A. BURGESS.

In the year 1880 Jedediah Bowen organized a little industry in Fond du Lac county, which he called the Ripon Knitting Works, and which had a precarious existence on a small scale for five years. In 1884 L. A. Burgess joined the company as salesman, and two years later he, in company with H. P. Cody, George C. Duffy and H. C. Eversz, bought all the stock, reorganized the company and put the institution on a solid and paying basis. Mr. Burgess is a true type of American business man, active, energetic and swift in his decisions. Today it is the largest manufacturing concern of Ripon.

Lyle A. Burgess was born on a farm in Rosendale, Wisconsin, March 16, 1859, and is a son of Thomas G. and Mary E. (Parson) Burgess. The father was a native of England and came to America with his parents when two years of age. He was a merchant in Oshkosh for several years but in 1857 sold out his business in that city and bought a farm in Rosendale where he died in 1867. His wife is still living with her son, L. A., at the age of eighty-eight years.

L. A. Burgess is the eighth in a family of twelve children, five of whom are still living. He had a public-school education and was a student at Lawrence University. When he put aside his books he farmed for some time and at the age of twenty-five came to Ripon to take a position as salesman in the Ripon Knitting Works. This company, in 1890, built a new plant with a frontage of eighty feet and a depth of a city block. It is the largest institution of its kind in the city and manufactures all kinds of knit hosiery, gloves and mittens and also a complete line of leather gloves and mittens. In 1894 Mr. Cody sold stock in the concern to J. W. Wright who is the present secretary. H. C. Eversz retired from the business in 1895 and in the same year Mr. Cody resumed his identification with the enterprise. The officers of the firm are now as follows: H. P. Cody, president; Lyle A. Burgess, vice president; and J. W. Wright, secretary and treasurer. The three owners of the enterprise work together in the greatest harmony and have built up a flourishing and prosperous institution from small beginnings. They are thoroughly agreed in their financial principles and the foundations of their success are their strict honesty and high-minded business methods. The firm now occupies a building three stories high, with a basement which is used as a store room. They also rent a large building on the opposite corner and are already feeling the need of more spacious quarters. The entire first floor of their plant is occupied by the offices of the company and the

stock and shipping rooms. The basement is used as a store room and the other two floors are given over to the active operation of the enterprise. The company does all its own dyeing and operates an engine and dye room which is entirely detached from the main building. The factory is operated by steam and equipped with all the latest and most approved machinery. The firm employs over three hundred people in its various departments and does a business of over five hundred thousand dollars a year. Its markets extend all over the United States and active business is done in every large city in the United States through its traveling salesmen. The company sells its goods to retailers and jobbers and has built up an extensive business along this line.

Besides his identification with the Ripon Knitting Works Mr. Burgess is extensively interested in irrigated fruit lands in Idaho and timber lands in Washington. He is also financing the development of a large tract of land in Dakota.

In 1886 Mr. Burgess was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Pickard, a daughter of P. K. and C. R. Pickard of Ripon. Mr. Burgess and his wife are the parents of one child, Carlton L., now in the eleventh year of his age. Fraternally Mr. Burgess holds membership in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic order. He gives his political support to the republican party but has never taken an active interest in public affairs, preferring to concentrate his energies upon the development of his business. Industrial America is calling for men, and Mr. Burgess is among the fortunate few whose ability and power enable them to respond to the call.

HERMAN WEGNER.

Herman Wegner, one of the respected citizens and substantial agriculturists of Springvale township, is the owner of a tract of land embracing one hundred and ninety acres on sections 34 and 27 and devotes his attention to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising with excellent results. His birth occurred in Germany on the 15th of September, 1864, his parents being Ferdinand and Johanna (Goetch) Wegner, who were born, reared and married in that country. In 1881 they emigrated to America with their six children, coming direct to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and locating at Reed's Corners in Metomen township. Ferdinand Wegner worked as a farm hand for a time but subsequently purchased a tract of land near Reed's Corners and started out as an agriculturist on his own account. On that place he and his wife continued to reside for twenty years. They met death together in a tragic manner, being killed at Dewell's Crossing, a half mile north of Brandon, on the 12th of February, 1907, while en route to spend the day with our subject. The train crew took the bodies to Brandon, where they were interred. Herman Wegner was the first born in a family of six children, the others being as follows: Anna, the wife of Charles Koehler, a carpenter of Brandon; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to Charles Guenther, an agriculturist of Rock River, Wisconsin; Bernhard, who follows farming in Springvale township; Albert, an agriculturist of Pickett, Wisconsin; and Otto, who is employed in a factory at Milwaukee.

Herman Wegner obtained his early education in the German schools of his native land and after coming to the United States spent one term in the district school at Reed's Corners. He remained under the parental roof and assisted in the operation of the home place until seventeen years of age, when he began working as a farm hand for others, being thus employed near Reed's Corners for four years. On the expiration of that period he went to Milwaukee and there spent three years at work in the shipyards. Subsequently he embarked in the dairy business at a point just outside the city of Milwaukee, near the

Soldiers' Home. He sold milk by routes in Milwaukee until the year 1897 and always had on hand from fifty to one hundred milch cows. In 1897 he purchased a farm near Cedarburg, Wisconsin, but at the end of three years sold the property and during the following six years was again engaged in the dairy business near Milwaukee. Disposing of his dairy farm and herd, he came to Fond du Lac county in 1906 and bought one hundred and ninety acres of land on sections 34 and 27, Springvale township, where he has resided to the present time. He cultivates the entire tract with the assistance of his sons and devotes his attention to general farming and stock-raising, having a herd of twenty-two good cows. His farm is well improved in every particular and his home is a beautiful country residence. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company of Brandon and well deserves recognition among the representative and prosperous citizens of his community.

On the 15th of September, 1890, Mr. Wegner was united in marriage to Miss Emma Rahn, a daughter of William and Wilhelmina (Goetch) Rahn, who were born, reared and married in Germany. They reached the shores of the United States on the 13th of April, 1883, and located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. William Rahn subsequently turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. In 1909 he took up his abode in Brandon, where both he and his wife have since lived in honorable retirement, spending the evening of life in well earned ease. Unto them were born six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom have passed away except Mrs. Wagner. Our subject and his wife have eight children, as follows: Alma, born November 21, 1891, who gave her hand in marriage to Otto Mathwig and resides in Ripon; Reinhard, who was born on the 11th of March, 1894, and lives with his parents on the home farm; Hattie, whose birth occurred on the 3d of February, 1896; Erwin, who was born on the 24th of April, 1898, and was graduated from district school No. 10, of Springvale township, in 1912; Louise, whose natal day was February 14, 1900; Amanda, who was born on the 9th of July, 1902; Erna, whose birth occurred on the 5th of September, 1904; and Herbert, born October 26, 1906. The four last named attend district school No. 10.

Mr. Wegner is a republican in politics but has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. His wife and children are members of the German Lutheran church at Brandon. His has been an active, busy and useful life, which at all times has conformed to the highest principles of manhood and citizenship.

ROBERT L. OLIVER.

Robert L. Oliver is a battle-scarred veteran of the Civil war and one of the highly esteemed citizens of Waupun, where he is successfully engaged in the general practice of law. He was born in Scotland, May 4, 1834, and is a son of Thomas and Nancy (Glendinning) Oliver, both of whom were natives of Scotland, the father's birth having occurred in 1812 and that of the mother in 1814. They emigrated to America in 1834, settling first in Delaware county, New York, and later establishing their abode in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1843, where they continued to live for a period of three years. In 1846 they removed to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and settled upon a farm in the township of Alto, where the family remained for two years, and in 1848 removed to Waupun, at which place Thomas Oliver was engaged in the manufacture of plows for eleven consecutive years. In 1859 he embarked in the retail hardware business, in which he continued until 1868. In that year he built the well known Oliver block, where the Waupun postoffice is now located. Thomas Oliver and his wife were married in Scotland and became the parents of five children:

Robert L., the subject of this sketch; William, who resides at Waupun; and Effie, Andrew and James, all of whom are deceased. The father of this family passed away in 1868 and the mother in 1850.

Robert L. Oliver was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of his native land. He emigrated with his parents to America and continued under the parental roof until the opening of the Civil war. On the 22d of April, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Third Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers, and followed his command for three years. He was engaged with his regiment in the battles of Antietam, Bull Run, the Wilderness, Slaughter Mountain and Gettysburg. The regiment of which his company was a part belonged to the Twentieth Army Corps and was continuously engaged in service at the front during the entire period in which Mr. Oliver served his country as a soldier. He was severely wounded at Antietam but after many weeks wholly recovered and at the close of the war returned to his home in Waupun. Some time afterward he took up the study of law in the office of H. E. Conant of Waupun and was later admitted to the bar and in 1873 engaged in the general practice of law in Waupun and has since that time continued to devote his attention to his chosen profession.

Mr. Oliver was united in marriage on the 4th of July, 1866, to Miss Grace Sampey, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Sampey, both of whom were natives of England and on emigrating to America settled in Waupun, Wisconsin, in 1854. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Oliver three children have been born: Ada B., at home; Gertrude, who died at the age of thirty-four years; and Grace A., also at home.

Mr. Oliver is affiliated with the democratic party and he and his wife are members of the Episcopal church. He is one of the distinguished and successful lawyers of Fond du Lac county and a man whose strict attention to his business interests has resulted in gratifying success to himself and his clientele.

ARTHUR D. CHESLEY.

Arthur D. Chesley is one of the most progressive agriculturists in the state of Wisconsin and his well developed and improved farm is an epitome of the progressive spirit of the state. His family is of English origin and was founded in America at an early date by Phillip Chesley, who left his native country and settled in the New England states. Representatives of the family were later prominent in New Hampshire and went from that state to Nova Scotia. Here Israel Chesley, the father of our subject, was born and here he spent his early boyhood. At the age of fourteen he left Nova Scotia for Canada and remained in that country until he was twenty-three years of age. He then came to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and bought the land upon which he resides. He greatly improved his holdings and built upon his property the beautiful residence in which his family make their home. He was married in 1854 to Miss Jemima Hendricks, a native of Pennsylvania. She died in Fond du Lac county in July, 1900, in the sixty-seventh year of her age. Mr. and Mrs. Israel Chesley were the parents of four children: Minerva, who died in infancy; Walter W.; Oscar B.; and Arthur D., the subject of this sketch.

Arthur D. Chesley was born upon his father's farm in Fond du Lac county, March 25, 1869. He received his education in the district schools of Eden township and in the public schools of Fond du Lac. He supplemented this study by a course in a commercial college and when he laid aside his books returned immediately to the home farm to assist his father in the labors incident to the carrying on of his large agricultural enterprise. When Arthur Chesley was twenty-one years of age he purchased the homestead and the sur-



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rounding acres from his father and has since that time been active in its operation. He has made most of the improvements upon his land and his barns and outbuildings are models for similar structures throughout the county. He is a firm believer in the modern agricultural idea of the economy of labor-saving farm machinery and has installed a full equipment upon his holdings. He specializes in the raising of high-grade stock and is known throughout Fond du Lac county as an expert judge of thoroughbred horses and cattle. He is one of the most progressive farmers in the state of Wisconsin and has contributed his full share to advancing development in agricultural lines. He is just completing the erection of the largest and most up-to-date barn in Fond du Lac county and is contemplating many other new improvements. Aside from his agricultural work, Mr. Chesley has found time for other interests. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Town Line cheese factory, was elected its first president and has continuously filled the office since that time. He was also one of the first stockholders in the First State Bank of Campbellsport and likewise holds stock in the Theresa Union Telephone Company.

On January 13, 1892, Arthur D. Chesley was united in marriage to Miss Anna Barnes, a daughter of William J. and Fidelia Barnes of Rosendale, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Chesley have been born six children: Mary, Hazel, Paul, Minnie, Marshal, and Amy. The family are regular attendants of the Methodist church of Campbellsport. Mr. Chesley is a charter member and served as president of the Farmers Progressive League at Campbellsport, and is also a charter member of Camp No. 5971, M. W. A., at Campbellsport.

Politically Mr. Chesley is independent. He has served as town clerk, which office he held for two years, and has been prominent in the affairs of the local board of education for eighteen years. He is progressive and energetic and upon these qualities he has founded his success. The great state of Wisconsin is growing more rapidly as its farms become more efficient and more scientifically operated.

DANIEL L. BOYLE.

Daniel L. Boyle is one of the well known successful business men of Waupun where he has been engaged in the undertaking business since 1909. He was born in Chester township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, December 23, 1863, and is a son of Thomas and Julia (Sullivan) Boyle, both of whom were natives of Ireland, being born in County Kerry, near the lakes of Killarney. As young people they emigrated to the United States at a very early date, and later celebrated their marriage in Worcester, Massachusetts. In 1850 they removed to Wisconsin, settling first in Milwaukee and later removed with ox teams to Dodge county, this state, where they established their home on government land and there continued to live during the remaining years of the father's life, which closed March 9, 1881. The mother is still living at the age of eighty-six. They became the parents of five children: Elizabeth and Mary, who reside at the old home; John, who has charge of the old homestead; Thomas J., who resides in Green Bay; and Daniel L., who is the subject of this review. Thomas Boyle was a loyal member of the democratic party and a faithful communicant of the Catholic church, as is also his surviving widow.

Daniel L. Boyle was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Dodge county. At the age of seventeen he started out in life for himself as a telegraph operator and station agent, obtaining his first position at that work at Chester, Wisconsin, where for a period of thirty years he continued as an employe of the Northwestern Railroad Company, during

which time five years were spent in service as an operator at various other points on that company's lines in Wisconsin. He then took up the undertaking business, studying under Dr. Barnes of Chicago and in July, 1909, he purchased the undertaking establishment of Coon & Son of Waupun, and conducted that business while he was still in charge of the railroad office at Chester until January, 1912, at which time he resigned as an employe of the railroad company and has since devoted his entire attention to his undertaking business, which he conducts with great tact and circumspection.

Daniel L. Boyle was united in marriage on October 20, 1903, to Miss Catherine Donovan, of Waupun, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Brown) Donovan, natives of Ireland, who came from County Cork to America at a very early day. All their children were born in Fond du Lac county and they are Frances, Julia, Helen, Louis Thomas and David John. Mr. Boyle is affiliated with the democratic party but liberal in the use of his franchise. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus of Green Bay, also of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Equitable Fraternal Union and the Royal Arcanum. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Boyle is one of the well known citizens of Fond du Lac county and a man highly respected by his friends and associates.

CHARLES DUNN.

Charles Dunn is numbered among Fond du Lac county's native sons, his birth having occurred here in 1878. He makes his home on section 29, Eldorado township and devotes his time and attention to general agricultural pursuits. He comes of Irish and German ancestry, his parents being John and Mary (Henning) Dunn, the former a native of Ireland and the latter a native of Germany. The father resided in Ireland until the early '50s when he crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Wisconsin. The mother came to this country from Germany when sixteen years of age. In their family were seven sons, all of whom are yet living and are residents of Fond du Lac county.

Charles Dunn, one of this number, spent his youthful days under the parental roof and acquired his education in the district schools of Eldorado township, his time being divided between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were assigned to him by his father in connection with the cultivation of the fields. He early gained practical experience therefore in the occupation which he has made his life work. He is the owner of twenty-six acres of land which are well improved, and the work he does annually brings him good harvests. He is yet a young man but is making continuous progress in business.

In 1908 Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Edith Burgraff, a daughter of William Burgraff. They attend the Lutheran church. Mr. Dunn gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, but aside from voting he is not active in politics, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs.

CHARLES F. DOLL.

Charles F. Doll, chief fire marshal of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, resides at No. 193 North Main street. His birth occurred in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 13th of June, 1865, his parents being John George and Minnie (Krueger) Doll. His paternal grandparents had two children: John George; and Lena, who is the wife of Henry Grafferman, a well known resident of St. Louis. Peter

Krueger, the maternal grandfather of our subject, died at the advanced age of eighty-nine, leaving the following children: Julius, Minnie and Alvina. John George Doll, the father of Charles F. Doll, was reared in St. Louis, Missouri, and followed the business of a butcher. At one time he owned a large butcher supply house at Glasgow, Missouri, where he had the contract for supplying all the river boats with meats. On retiring from this business he returned to St. Louis, Missouri. In 1865 he was a member of the Home Guards. He died at his home in St. Louis on the 10th of July, 1893, passing away in the faith of the Catholic church. His wife still survives and makes her home with her son Charles. They were the parents of four children, namely: Minnie, the deceased wife of Otto Becker; George and Julius, who have also passed away; and Charles F., of this review.

The last named was born and reared in St. Louis, where he attended the public schools, receiving a common-school education. Following in the footsteps of his father, he learned the butcher's trade, which he followed for some time. It was discovered by himself and others interested that he had special adaptability and skill as a baseball player and the financial inducements to engage in this sport were sufficient to attract him from the business of a butcher, from which he retired and became a member of the league, playing his last league game in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1886. After retiring from the diamond he became a member of the Milwaukee fire department and remained in this occupation for a period of twenty-three years, gaining the rank of captain of the department. Upon his retirement from service in the fire department of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he came to Fond du Lac on the 1st of October, 1909, and was appointed marshal of the fire department of this city. This department consists of four companies, composed in all of twenty-five men. The Holly high pressure system is in use in the department.

On the 27th of September, 1887, Mr. Doll married Miss Louisa Truss, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Adam and Friedricka (Mushdauch) Truss, both of whom were born in Germany and became early settlers of Milwaukee. They are now deceased. Their children were five in number, as follows: Louisa; Lena; Jacob and Sophia, twins; and Arthur. Mrs. Louisa Doll was called to her final rest on the 12th of May, 1909, at the age of forty-one years, passing away in the faith of the Lutheran church. She was the mother of eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Charles and Adelia, twins; George Adam; Walter Willie; May Manilla; Arthur H. M.; Olive; and Blanche, who died at the age of two years. Charles, the eldest son, is a machinist and resides in Milwaukee with his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mae Barth.

In politics Mr. Doll is independent. He belongs to Wisconsin Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., of Milwaukee, and is also a member of Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 57, B. P. O. E. and the Independent Order of Foresters of Fond du Lac. He is the deputy supreme dictator of the Moose lodge. The faithful service rendered the city of Fond du Lac by Mr. Doll as its chief fire marshal is in itself an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held in the place of his residence.

JAMES P. LINER.

James P. Liner is a native of Fond du Lac county and the son of an old settler in Waupun township. He has spent a busy, useful and active life as an agriculturist, being numbered among the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of his district. He owns one hundred and forty-three acres of well improved land on section 31, of Springvale township, upon which he lives in an attractive

and modern home and is one of the substantial farmers and progressive citizens of the county. James P. Liner was born in Waupun township upon his father's homestead, March 28, 1859, and is the son of Patrick and Bridget (Riley) Liner, natives of County West Meath, Ireland. The father was a farmer and followed that occupation in the country in which he was born until he came to the United States in the early '50s, locating first in Connecticut, where he and his wife were married. They lived in that state for two years, coming at the end of that time to Fond du Lac county, where Patrick Liner purchased one hundred and seventy acres of land in Waupun township. He immediately began its improvement and development, adding to his holdings from time to time until he had acquired four hundred acres of valuable land. He lived upon this property during the remaining of his life and died in Waupun township in 1906, having survived his wife since 1900. He was one of the well known and substantial citizens of the district of which he had been a resident since pioneer times. He was numbered among the earliest settlers and took an active part in the up-building and development of Fond du Lac county. He had a wide circle of friends in the city of Fond du Lac, where he did his trading and where his genuine personal worth and unusual qualities of mind gained him wide-spread regard and esteem. To Mr. and Mrs. Liner were born six children: Catharine, the wife of John Moran, who is engaged in farming in Springvale township; Thomas, a farmer residing in Springvale township; James P., the subject of this sketch; Mary, who became the wife of Thomas Fallon, of Ripon, and whose death occurred on December 28, 1911; John, who is engaged in farming in Springvale township; and Henry J., a farmer residing in Waupun township.

James P. Liner attended school in district No. 8, Metomen township, and from his early childhood assisted his father in the work of the farm. He thus gained a detailed familiarity with the methods of operation and became thoroughly acquainted with the most important elements of agricultural activity. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age and then began his independent life, settling on a farm on section 31, Springvale township, where he is still residing. He owns one hundred and forty-three acres of land, all of which is under cultivation and in excellent condition. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, keeping a fine herd of Holstein cattle and a dairy herd of eleven cows, the head of which is a registered animal. On August 7, 1910, fire destroyed one of the finest barns upon Mr. Liner's property. In it were seventy-five tons of hay, all of the farm machinery, a valuable span of horses, cattle, wagons and buggies. Sixteen grain stacks were standing near the building and these also were destroyed, together with the granary containing the harvested crops of the year before. The fire spread to the neighboring buildings and when it was conquered after a short fight by three hundred men from Brandon and the surrounding country there was left standing only the house in which Mr. Liner resided. What was a few hours before a flourishing, prosperous and highly developed farm equipped with all conveniences for carrying on progressive agriculture became a desolate waste. Mr. Liner, however, was undeterred by this misfortune and in the same year rebuilt his barn and granaries and bought new machinery and within a remarkably short time had his establishment again in working order and in a fair way to be more successful than it was before. He has one of the most pleasant and attractive country homes in Springvale township and is numbered among the substantial and representative farmers of the section.

On July 1, 1885, Mr. Liner was united in marriage to Miss May McDonald, a daughter of Daniel and Anna (McLaughlin) McDonald, natives of Ireland. The father was a farmer in the country in which he was born and followed the same occupation when he came to Wisconsin. He died before the year 1885 but his wife survived him for many years and made her home in Markesan for some time. She died in 1906 in Pardeeville, Columbia county, Wisconsin. Daniel and Anna McDonald were the parents of seven children: Anna, the widow

of William Egan, of Buffalo township, Portage county; May, now Mrs. James P. Liner; Alexander, who is engaged in the stock and real-estate business in Markesan; John, a retired farmer of Pardeeville; Ella, the wife of Henry Liner, who is engaged in farming in Waupun township; Daniel, a district attorney, whose home is in Winnebago county; and Charles, who is an attorney in Wittenburg, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Liner have been born four children. Eugene, born June 10, 1886, is residing at Waterloo, Iowa, where he is employed as bookkeeper by the Illinois Central Railroad. James, born June 16, 1888, is residing on the home farm with his parents. Ella May, born December 12, 1890, is a graduate of the Brandon high school in the class of 1906 and of the Oshkosh Normal School in the class of 1910. In 1911 and 1912 she taught the fifth and sixth grades in the Brandon schools and resigned to accept her present position as teacher in the public schools of Waupun. Charles, born May 25, 1902, is now attending the Union Prairie school, in Metomen township.

Mr. Liner and his family are devout adherents of the Roman Catholic faith. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party but beyond casting his vote at each election he takes no very active part in public affairs, preferring to give his entire attention to the duties incident to the operation of his large farm. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Creamery Company and in the Farmers' Elevator Company at Brandon and is always eager to do his best to promote the success of local enterprises. He belongs to Ripon Branch, No. 58, Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, his only fraternal affiliation. He has been successful because he keeps in touch with the trend of modern agricultural development, while his record of systematic and well directed activity, resulting as it has in a high degree of prosperity, is proof of what may be accomplished by determination and enterprise, combined with constructive business talent and unwavering diligence.

JOHN S. FOAT, M. D.

Dr. John S. Foat, engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery in Ripon for ten years, during which period he has demonstrated his ability to successfully cope with the many intricate problems of the profession, was born in Hebron, Jefferson county, Wisconsin, September 29, 1872, a son of William J. and Olive L. (Elmendorf) Foat. The father was born September 24, 1842, and in 1871 was married. Unto him and his wife were born two sons: John S., of this review; and Emery S., living in Adams county, Wisconsin, where he follows farming.

Dr. Foat pursued his early education in the public schools of Adams county and later attended Ripon College, of which he graduated in 1899 with the degree of A. B. Having resolved to make the practice of medicine his life work he entered Rush Medical College at Chicago and was graduated therefrom with the class of June, 1902. His course of training was thorough and comprehensive and well qualified for his onerous professional duties, he entered upon his chosen life work. For ten years he has been a resident of Ripon, devoting his attention to the general practice of medicine and surgery, in which connection he has made for himself a creditable reputation, while his labors have been of value and benefit to his many patients. He is a member of the county and state medical societies and through their proceedings keeps in touch with the advanced work that is being done by the profession. Moreover, his close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics has won for him the high regard of his fellow practitioners.

On the 30th of November, 1899, Dr. Foat was united in marriage to Miss Grace E. Cate, who was born in Auroraville, Wisconsin, on the 10th of April, 1872, a daughter of Daniel W. and Jessie (Daniels) Cate, who were married

in 1871. Her father died in Auroraville, Wisconsin, in September, 1911, at the age of sixty-seven years, leaving three daughters, the sisters of Mrs. Foat being: Bessie, the wife of Frank E. Seaver, of Symco, Wisconsin; and Johana, now Mrs. Brenneman, of Richland, Washington. Dr. and Mrs. Foat have one child, Olive L., who on the 10th of April, 1912, was eleven years of age and is a pupil in the public schools of Ripon. The parents hold membership in the Congregational church and are interested in its work and progress. Dr. Foat also belongs to the Woodmen camp and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having served during the Porto Rican campaign as sergeant of Company D, Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He was with the army for six months, when he was honorably discharged. He was department commander of the state of Wisconsin of the United Spanish War Veterans in 1909 and 1910. His has been an active and well spent life and, never fearing to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way, he has made continuous advancement. He holds to high professional standards, is constantly studying in order to increase his usefulness, and his professional labors, followed by good results, have won for him high regard in the community.

WILLIAM KUHNZ.

For nine years William Kuhnz has resided upon a farm on section 4, Eldorado township, which is still his place of residence, and during this period he has wrought many changes in the appearance of the place by reason of the progressive methods he has followed and the improvements he has introduced. He has been a lifelong resident of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred in Eldorado township, February 20, 1872. As the family name indicates, he comes of German ancestry, his parents being John F. and Elizabeth (Miller) Kuhnz, both of whom were natives of the fatherland, where they resided until 1868, when they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, hoping to find here verification for the favorable stories which they had heard concerning the opportunities of the new world and the high wages paid for labor. They made their way westward to Wisconsin and have since been residents of Fond du Lac county.

In his boyhood days William Kuhnz entered the district schools near his father's home and therein mastered the elementary branches of learning. He afterward lived in Oshkosh and worked at the carpenter's trade for a time. He also spent two years working in the northern part of North Dakota but at length returned to the occupation to which he had been reared, and for nine years he has lived upon his present farm on section 4, Eldorado township. With characteristic energy he began its further development and improvement, converting the land into productive fields from which he annually gathers good harvests. The soil is rich and his progressive methods of handling his crops have brought him substantial success. He has made many improvements here with the result that he now has one of the excellent farms of the locality, comprising sixty-five acres. Mr. Kuhnz also engages in threshing, being a practical engineer and has followed this line for twenty years.

In Fond du Lac Mr. Kuhnz was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Luebke, a daughter of Herman and Carolina Luebke, and they have become the parents of five children: Irving, sixteen years of age; Leona, thirteen; Laura, ten; Sylvia, six; and Arnie, one year old. The parents attend the Lutheran church and are interested in the moral as well as the material progress of the community. Mr. Kuhnz is a warm friend of the cause of education, a fact indicated by his five years' service on the school board. He gives his aid to many movements for the public welfare and at the same time carefully manages his farm work so that he obtains a good annual income for the support of his fam-

ily and the further development of his property. He has made many good improvements on his land, has substantial buildings there and the neat and flourishing appearance of his place renders it one of the attractive features of the landscape.

REV. GUSTAV ERNST BERGEMANN.

Rev. Gustav Ernst Bergemann has since December, 1899, been the pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Peter's church in Fond du Lac and resides at No. 52 East First street in this city. His birth occurred in Dodge county, Wisconsin, on the 9th of August, 1862, his parents being Ludwig and Wilhelmine (Schulz) Bergemann, both of whom were natives of Brandenburg, Germany. His maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Schulz, passed away in Germany.

Ludwig Bergemann, the father of Rev. G. E. Bergemann, was reared and educated in his native country and emigrated to the United States in 1848, settling about two miles northeast of Hustisford, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming, subsequently purchasing another tract of land in the vicinity. His demise occurred in the village of Hustisford in 1883, when he had attained the age of sixty-two years. His wife, surviving him for ten years, was seventy-four years of age when called to her final rest. They were Lutherans in religious faith and took an active and helpful interest in church work. Unto them were born twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity, as follows: August, who is a resident of Spencer, Iowa; Louisa, the wife of E. F. Zilisch, of Watertown, Wisconsin; Augusta, the widow of August Seifert, of Dodge county, this state; Amalie, who is the wife of Fred Kaulitz and resides in Dodge county; Wilhelmine, the wife of August Strache, of Hustisford, Wisconsin; Ludwig, living in Hustisford; Julius, whose demise occurred in Dodge county in 1911; Emilie, the deceased wife of Herman Muth, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; and Gustav Ernst, of this review.

The last named remained on his father's farm near Hustisford until seventeen years of age and obtained his early education in the parochial school in the town of Hubbard, Dodge county, completing his preliminary studies in the parochial and public schools at Hustisford. On the 14th of November, 1879, he entered the Northwestern University at Watertown, Wisconsin, being graduated from that institution in June, 1885. In that year he entered the Theological Seminary at Milwaukee and following his graduation in June, 1887, accepted a call from the Evangelical Lutheran Trinity church at Bay City, Michigan, where he preached until October, 1892. He then went to Tomah, Wisconsin, and there served as pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church until he came to Fond du Lac in December, 1899. Here he accepted the pastorate of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Peter's church and has since ministered to the spiritual needs of that congregation, which now numbers about three hundred and eighty voting members.

On the 31st of October, 1887, Rev. Bergemann was united in marriage to Miss Emma Anger, a native of Watertown, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Neumann) Anger, both of whom were born in Brandenburg, Germany. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Bergemann were Johann Friederich and Maria (Brunke) Anger, while her maternal grandparents were Martin and Maria (Lenz) Neumann. Her parents took up their abode among the early settlers of Watertown, Wisconsin, where Mrs. Anger passed away in 1898. Edward Anger, who still survives at the age of eighty-two years, makes his home with our subject and his wife. Mrs. Bergemann was one of a family of seven children, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: Edward;

Emma; Henry, who is now deceased; William; Lydia; and Friederich. Rev. and Mrs. Bergemann have three children, Selma, Hans and Margarete. As the well beloved pastor of St. Peter's church Rev. Bergemann has worked with consecrated and untiring zeal and his labors have not been denied the full harvest nor the aftermath.

WILLIAM A. RAUBE.

One of the most successful farmers and stock-raisers in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, is William A. Raube, cultivating eighty acres of land on section 31, Springvale township, a fertile and productive tract constituting his father's homestead. Mr. Raube owns another fine farm in the section but has moved to his father's holdings in order to care for his parents in their old age. He was born November 28, 1869, and is a native son of Brandon. His parents are August and Henrietta (Mausch) Raube, both natives of Germany. The father was born March 22, 1834, and is the son of William and Charlotte Raube. He came with his parents to the United States in 1869 and located in Brandon, Wisconsin. He engaged in farming and was successful and prosperous in this line of occupation. In 1876 he purchased eighty acres of land on section 31, Springvale township, and here he and his wife live today. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Charles and Caroline Mausch, both natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. August Raube became the parents of eight children: Bertha, who passed away when she was twenty-three years of age; William, the subject of this sketch; Mina, the wife of Gustave Trepto, a farmer of Springvale township, of whom more extended mention is made elsewhere in this work; Mary, the wife of John Itsen, of Brandon; Herman, who married Bertha Borchardt and who rents his father's farm in Springvale township; Albert, who married Miss Martha Schwartz and who follows farming in Springvale township; Henry, who died when he was twenty-four years of age; and Anna, the wife of Henry Krohn, a farmer residing in Springvale township.

William A. Raube was educated in joint school district No. 8 of Metomen township and in the German private school in the village of Brandon. He has followed agriculture during his entire active career. He established himself in this line of occupation in 1892, working at that time by the month. He was for six years in the employ of Dixon Brothers, farmers and stock-raisers in Fond du Lac county, and during that time saved his money and gained valuable personal experience. In the spring of 1897 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land on section 20 of Springvale township and in the fall of the same year moved upon his holdings. These he cultivated intelligently and according to the most modern methods and soon had his land in excellent condition. In the fall of 1911, however, he rented his farm to his brother Herman and came back to the old homestead, which he is now operating for his parents, who have reached an advanced age. He is today farming upon his father's eighty acres and has the property highly improved and developed. Mr. Raube is essentially a self-made man since his prosperity is attributable to him alone. As a boy he was hard-working and industrious and as a man he is thoroughly intelligent and capable. He has kept abreast of the steady advancement of agriculture along systematic and scientific lines and has added personal experience to his knowledge. He has been rewarded by a beautiful tract of land, every acre of which is systematically cultivated and thoroughly productive. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and his dairy, which is always kept in the most sanitary condition, is an important source of income to him. He keeps a herd of thirteen cows for this purpose and his products are sold in the markets of Brandon and Fond du Lac county.

In his political views Mr. Raube is a consistent republican and served from 1903 to 1907 as treasurer of Springvale township. He is interested in education and from 1909 to 1911 did able work as school clerk in district No. 3, Springvale township. He is a shareholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Brandon and is interested in the growth and welfare of his city and section.

ROBERT ZINKE.

Robert Zinke is the president of The Zinke Company, a wholesale grocery and cheese merchandising house of Fond du Lac incorporated in 1894 with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, which was later increased to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Zinke for many years has given his undivided attention to the care and development of this large and successful business and has long since been regarded as one of the up-to-date and enterprising citizens of Fond du Lac. The principal office and warehouses of The Zinke Company are located on the southwest corner of Division and Macy streets, while Mr. Zinke's residence is at No. 65 East Division street. He was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on the 17th of November, 1852, his parents being Louis and Fredericka (Andre) Zinke, both of whom were natives of Prussia, Germany. His paternal grandparents died in the fatherland many years ago.

Louis Zinke, the father of our subject, was reared in Germany, having his home in Frankenhansen, and as a young man learned the cooper's trade, which he followed for many years. He emigrated to America in 1848 and for a time resided in the city of Buffalo, New York. Later he removed to Mayville, Wisconsin, and from there removed to Fond du Lac in 1849 and in that city established himself in the cooperage business, to which he continued to give his attention until 1860. During that year he closed out his interest in his cooperage establishment and opened a general retail grocery business, in which he continued for the remaining years of his active life. During the last few years of his business activity his sons, Herman and Robert, were associated with him in the grocery trade. His demise occurred in 1881, when he had attained the age of sixty-four years, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1889 at the age of eighty-one. Unto them were born ten children, five of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Herman, who has passed away; Amelia, the deceased wife of August Kuene; Charles, late of Fond du Lac, deceased; Louis J., also of that city; and Robert.

The last named was reared in his parents' home and educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac. During the early years of his business life he was associated with his father in the grocery trade and in 1878 when the father retired the business was continued under the firm name of Zinke Brothers, there being three associate partners, Herman, Louis and Robert. In 1894 The Zinke Company was formed for the purpose of conducting a wholesale grocery business. Robert Zinke is the president; A. R. Zinke, vice president; and H. B. Tubbs, secretary and treasurer. The Zinke Company for many years has been well known among the leading wholesale grocery houses of northeastern Wisconsin. From the establishment of the business until the present day the house has borne a high name and has been continuously prosperous, each year increasing its volume of business. Their traveling salesmen cover a very large portion of all the states and their trade and business operations extend throughout the entire country. Mr. Zinke is also the president of the Fond du Lac Brick Company.

On the 25th of September, 1878, Mr. Zinke was united in marriage to Miss Annetta Fritz, a daughter of Francis and Dora (Abel) Fritz, natives of Ger-

many, who took up their abode among the early settlers of Fond du Lac. Mrs. Zinke was born in that city in 1856. Her father was by trade and occupation a candle-maker but later established himself in the grocery business in Fond du Lac, at which place he died in the year 1889 at the age of seventy-eight. His wife was called to her final rest in 1886 when fifty-nine years of age. They had four children: Annetta, Frances, Hattie and Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Zinke are likewise the parents of four children. Alfred R. is at present the buyer for The Zinke Company. Louis P. is one of the most up-to-date, enterprising and successful dealers in automobile supplies, having his place of business in the very heart of the automobile sales district on Michigan avenue in Chicago. He is the president of The Zinke Company in Chicago, which makes a specialty of supplying the trade with all necessary, up-to-date, automobile supplies. Harry F. is the secretary of the Superior Metal Products Company of Elyria, Ohio. William H. is employed as salesman for The Zinke Company of Chicago, having his principal office in Detroit, Michigan.

Robert Zinke is a member of Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M.; Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. of P.; and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. Mr. Zinke is regarded among his associates as being a man successful and upright in all his business transactions. He is among the best known and most enterprising citizens of Fond du Lac county, in which he has built up from a small beginning a mercantile institution of extensive proportions from which goods go to all parts of the United States and he has materially aided in putting Fond du Lac on the map as a thriving, up-to-date manufacturing and merchandising center.

ANTHONY PALLISTER.

Anthony Pallister is living retired in the village of Brandon, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, after thirty-seven years identification with agriculture as an active farmer. He owns extensive property in Waupun and Alto townships, and is still a factor in their growth and development. He was born in England, October 18, 1846, and is a son of George and Ann (Alderson) Pallister, both natives of that country. His father was a farmer and followed this line of occupation successfully during his life. Mr. Pallister's parents died within one week of typhus fever, their deaths occurring in England in 1852.

Anthony Pallister was only five years old when he was left an orphan. He spent two years in England and at the end of that time came to the United States in order to make his home with an uncle who was located in Alto township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. He remained here and attended the district schools of the township and studied for five terms in Brandon. He later was employed for seven winters as teacher in district school No. 8, Metomen township, and in district school No. 7, of Alto township. When he gave up his duties as a teacher he followed farming and in the spring of 1875 rented two hundred and twenty-one acres in Waupun township, where he was successful as a general agriculturist. He saved his money and was able to buy the property eventually and thus established himself independently. He improved his land, fenced it into fields and cultivated it along the most modern and progressive lines. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and one year threshed over twelve hundred bushels of wheat. He retired in 1907 and moved to the village of Brandon, where he is now an active and representative citizen. He still owns his original farm and has also purchased eighty acres in Alto township. His retirement has meant merely a transference of his interests. He is still active and energetic in promoting enterprises which are factors in municipal growth. He is president of

the Farmers Elevator Company of Brandon and secretary and treasurer of the Brandon Creamery Company, and also one of the trustees of the village.

Mr. Pallister was married on March 9, 1875, to Miss Clara Hillman, a daughter of Francis and Amanda (Ash) Hillman, both natives of New York state. They came to Wisconsin in 1855, locating in Waupun township, Fond du Lac county, where they purchased the farm which Mr. Pallister now owns. They later sold the property to our subject and came to Brandon, where the father engaged in the mercantile business and was also an extensive lumber dealer. He was of English ancestry but was born in Fulton county, New York. He died in Brandon, August 30, 1889, after an active and useful life. His wife was of Dutch descent and was born near Amsterdam, New York. She passed away in Brandon in 1895. Mrs. Pallister was born in Fulton county, New York, July 16, 1847, and remained with her parents until her marriage. She is a devout member of the Springvale Congregational church. She and her husband are the parents of three children: Anna, who was born April 11, 1876, and died on the 4th of May, 1887; and Leon and Leona, twins, born December 30, 1879. Leon is a rural mail carrier in Brandon, Wisconsin, and lives at home. Leona is the wife of Andy J. Smith, an electrical engineer in the employ of the United States Smelting Company of Midvale, Utah.

In his political views Mr. Pallister is a stanch republican and while he is not an office seeker he always does his duty in a public capacity when called upon to do so. He is at present one of the trustees of the village of Brandon. His interest in education led him to accept a position on the board of education, where he served with ability and efficiency for three years. He has a record of fifteen consecutive years of service as treasurer of the school board in the township of Waupun. Mr. Pallister is considered one of the successful and prosperous men of his section. His retirement has not in any way lessened his interest in agriculture or in the progress and growth of Fond du Lac county. He has given his active aid in the past to farm development and has been an influential factor in it. He still retains his interest and in his supervision and management of his property is a leading and dominating figure in influencing standards of business and methods of operation.

EDWARD MURRAY.

Edward Murray, who owns and operates a farm in Eldorado township, has always devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. He was born in Fond du Lac county in 1851, and is of Irish extraction, his parents, John and Catharine (Garrity) Murray, having been born and reared on the Emerald isle. They came to America in 1832, and fifteen years later filed on a tract of government land in this county. This section of the state was but sparsely settled at that time, the greater part of the land being covered with a dense growth of timber, through which ran trails, that served the early settlers for roads. Here the Murray family lived in very much the manner of the other pioneers, largely dependent upon the members of their own fireside circle for society, as their neighbors were few and remotely located and traveling was difficult even when the roads were in good condition, which was not often.

Edward Murray shared with his family the hardships and privations of life on the frontier and many are the interesting reminiscences he can relate of his boyhood days, when the forests yet abounded with wild game and Indians were not uncommon. In the acquirement of his education he attended the district school in the vicinity of his home, and early began to qualify himself for the life of an agriculturist by assisting his father about the fields. Farming at that period was little more than drudgery, as it was prior to the advent of the modern imple-

ments and appliances which make it possible for one man to do in a few hours the work which used to consume the time of several people for days.

On the 10th of April, 1877, Mr. Murray was married to Miss Elizabeth Hennessy, of Fond du Lac county, a daughter of Richard and Julia (McGraw) Hennessy, natives of Ireland, who came to this county in 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are the parents of two daughters: Mary K., who is twenty-four years of age; and Julia F., who is twenty-two. They reside at home with their parents.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, in the faith of which denomination the parents were reared. Edward Murray votes the democratic ticket and for seven years was chairman of the township committee, while for twenty-eight years he has served in the capacity of district clerk, the period of his incumbency substantially evidencing the efficiency with which he has discharged the duties of this office.

JACOB BRENNER.

Jacob Brenner has been a resident of Fond du Lac for more than forty years, and here he has grown from his boyhood days to maturity of manhood and has long since been numbered among the enterprising and successful men of that city. At present he is engaged in the furnace, heating and sheet metal business, his establishment being located at 47 Third street, Fond du Lac. His residence is at 349 Military street. He was born in Baden, Germany, June 13, 1864, and is the son of John George and Elizabeth (Beissel) Brenner. His paternal grandfather was John George Brenner and his wife was Elizabeth (Hack) Brenner. He emigrated to America at a very early period in the history of this state, settling on the Kilbourn road, near the city of Milwaukee and later removed to Kilbourn city, making his home with his brother, Philip G. and with his son at West Bend. He afterward removed with his brother to Oshkosh, at which place he died at the advanced age of seventy-two years, his wife having passed away early in life in her native land. His maternal grandparents were natives of Germany, both of whom died many years ago in their native country.

John George Brenner, the father of Jacob Brenner, was a native of Germany, emigrating when a young man with his father to America. He was reared at home and by trade and occupation was a wagon-maker. On settling in this country in the year 1865 he established his residence at West Bend, removing from there to Ackerville, Wisconsin, where he lived three years and then moved to Butte des Morts, Wisconsin, where he continued to follow the pursuit of his trade until 1871. In that year he removed to Fond du Lac where he has continued to reside. To Mr. and Mrs. Brenner seven children were born, all of whom lived to years of maturity: Kate, the surviving widow of M. Wehrle; Philip J.; Jacob; Carl; Caroline, deceased, who was the wife of Robert Brehmer; Matilda, the wife of William Breitengross; and John. The mother of this family died in Fond du Lac in 1898, aged sixty-three years. She is survived by her husband, who is in his seventy-eighth year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brenner were members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Brenner is a veteran of the German army.

Jacob Brenner has been a resident of Fond du Lac since he was seven years of age, having removed with his father from West Bend to this city in 1871. Here he received his early education in the parochial and public schools of the city, later taking a thorough course in a business college. Immediately after completing his school period he was employed for four years in the LaBelle Wagon Works after which he was engaged in the occupation of a journeyman worker, in the heating and sheet metal business from 1882 until 1900. During that year

he established himself in his present business. This venture has proved to be in every way successful and now requires the skilled services of several employes.

Mr. Brenner was united in marriage to Miss Fanny Breitengross, on November 11, 1891. She is the daughter of Theodore and Christiana (Weidemueller) Breitengross, and is a native of Saxony, removing from her native country to Fond du Lac in 1873, where her parents established their home and here her father died in 1892. He is survived by his widow, the mother of Mrs. Brenner. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brenner three children have been born, Arnold Theodore, Theodore Paul and Lorene. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brenner are members of the Evangelical church of this city. Mr. Brenner is a member of the Equitable Fraternal Union. His long residence in the county and city of Fond du Lac has made him one of the well known men of this part of Wisconsin and he is numbered among the reliable, enterprising and successful men of this city.

THOMAS J. NORRIS.

For almost forty years Thomas J. Norris cultivated the soil in Metomen township, giving the active years of his life to making his two hundred acre farm on section 35 a well improved and highly developed tract. His death which occurred on June 13, 1904, was a distinct loss to agricultural circles of his community and deprived Fond du Lac county of a pioneer in its settlement and an active factor in its growth and progress. Mr. Norris was born in Batavia, New York, on February 10, 1838, and was a son of Thomas and Eunice (Andrews) Norris. His father was born in Pembroke, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, in September, 1808, and when he was twelve years of age removed with his relatives to Genesee county, New York. He learned the blacksmith's trade and followed it until a few years previous to his death. He with his wife and children came to Fond du Lac county in the early '40s and took up four hundred acres of government land in the early days of the settlement of the district. He built a small shop upon his farm and was active in his trade, leaving the cultivation of the soil to his sons. He remained upon this property until his death which occurred in 1889. His wife was a native of New York state and came to Wisconsin with her husband. She died upon the home farm in 1887.

Thomas J. Norris was reared at home and aided his father in the cultivation of the farm until his marriage which occurred on November 21, 1863. In that year he started on an independent career by purchasing two hundred acres on section 35, Metomen township. Upon this property he carried on general farming and by practical methods and unwavering energy obtained a gratifying measure of success. He retired from active life a few years before his death and moved to Brandon where he passed away on June 13, 1904.

On November 21, 1863, Mr. Norris was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Lockwood, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Mary Lockwood, natives of Connecticut, of New England ancestry. Her father was a carriage trimmer and followed this line of occupation in his native state until 1856 when he came with his family to Wisconsin and settled in Brandon. Here he established an undertaking business and also became prominent in local politics, serving as postmaster of the village and as township treasurer and collector. Mr. and Mrs. Norris became the parents of seven children: Grant, whose birth occurred May 27, 1865, and who is engaged in farming in Metomen township; Benjamin F., who was born September 29, 1867, and who passed away May 10, 1911; Robert S., born April 3, 1870, who is interested in gold mines and went to Alaska during the Klondike excitement and still has mining interests there; May I., whose birth occurred April 9, 1873, and who is the wife of Professor

H. G. Paul, of Urbana, Illinois; Jennie Louise, who is in Berlin, Germany, studying music; Fred T., who was born February 21, 1879, and who is the manager of the gas plant in Brandon; and Bessie, who is residing at home.

In his political views Mr. Norris was a republican but was never active as an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his attention upon the development of his farm, the excellent condition of which attests his success. He did useful and lasting work in the world and gained a high place in the honor and esteem of his many friends who still mourn his death as a personal deprivation and as a loss to development and progress in the section to which he came in pioneer times.

EDWARD AND DAVID GRAHAM.

Among the well cultivated farms of Byron township must be mentioned that of the Graham brothers, which is comprised of one hundred and eighty acres and is located on section 8. Edward and David Graham have long been familiar with the agricultural conditions of Fond du Lac county, having been born and reared on a farm in Osceola township. They are of English and Irish extraction, the father, Allen Graham, being a native of the mother country, whence he emigrated to the United States in his early manhood. Here he met and married Bridget Connors, who was born in the Emerald isle. To them were born eight children, one of whom died three days after birth. The remaining seven were reared to maturity and in order of birth are as follows: Catherine, who became the wife of James Dunn of Fond du Lac, and the mother of seven children; David; Mary, who passed away in 1910; Sarah, who resides in Byron; Allen, who married Rosie Seakings of Forest; Edward; and John, whose death occurred in 1911. The father, who vigorously championed the Union cause, volunteered his services to the land of his adoption during the days of the Civil war. He was killed on the battlefield of Petersburg on the 2d of April, 1865, leaving a widow and seven children practically dependent upon their own resources for support. Despite the hardships and worry the responsibility and duties of her position entailed, the mother lived to see her children mature men and women and useful members of society, her death occurring in 1898.

Left fatherless in childhood, the early advantages of the Graham brothers were very meager. The mother's limited income and the many needs it had to supply, compelled them to contribute toward the family support while still in their early youth. Few occupations were open to the inexperienced lad of that period, so they worked on the farms in the vicinity of their home during the summer months and in the lumber camps in the winter. The hours were long, from practically daylight to dark the year around, seven days a week, and physically the work was taxing. They were always in the open air, however, and were provided with an abundance of good, wholesome food, coarse but nourishing. Thus they developed into strong, vigorous men, self-reliant and independent, although in their youth they were denied many of the joys and pleasures which rightfully belong to the young. In the district schools of Osceola township, they acquired an essential knowledge of the common branches of English learning, and although their schooling was limited their early experiences and responsibilities enabled them to develop into men of practical intelligence and sound judgment. They early resolved to accumulate sufficient money to engage in farming for themselves, and although this required many years of toil and untold self-denial it was ultimately realized. They lived in Osceola township until 1909, in which year they removed to Byron, where they now own a hundred and eighty acres of land. Their holding is substantially

improved and well cultivated. Their fields are carefully and intelligently tilled and planted to such crops as are best adapted to the soil. The judgment here exercised is characteristic of them in all of their undertakings, and as a result they are prospering. Theirs has not been a remarkable achievement, but it is worthy and commendable, and every man deserves credit who through his individual effort and amid the most discouraging and adverse circumstances attains a position which numbers him among the independent members of society. They have seven head of horses and their farm is well stocked, and equipped with everything essential for its operation. Hard-working, reliable men, honest and upright in their transactions they are highly esteemed in their community and have many friends.

David Graham has never married. Edward, however, married Mary Galligan, a daughter of Judge and Emily Galligan, well known farming people of Osceola township, and to them have been born the following children: Della; Katie; Edward, who died in 1907; David; Emily and Bridget, twins, who died in 1908; George and Mary, also twins; and Edward.

They are members of the Roman Catholic church, and both brothers are staunch supporters of the republican party. They have never actively participated in the political life of their communities, although they are not remiss in matters of citizenship, but can be depended upon to discharge their civic obligations.

MICHAEL FREUND.

Michael Freund is one of the representative business men of Fond du Lac, engaged in the grocery business. His store is located at No. 258 North Main street and his residence at 124 West Arnolt street in this city. He is a native of Fond du Lac county, his birth occurring in Taycheedah township on February 18, 1872, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Schneider) Freund. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Freund were Servatius and Anna Mary Freund, both of whom died many years ago in the township of Taycheedah. The maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Schneider, after having lived to a very old age, also long since passed away, their deaths occurring in the same township.

John Freund, the father of the subject of this review, was a native of Germany, from Rhein Preussen, as was also his wife, Elizabeth (Schneider) Freund. Mr. Freund emigrated to America in the year 1848, making the journey across the water with his parents when he was a child but six years of age. The family established their home in Taycheedah township where, under the parental roof, he grew to manhood and there he has since continued to reside. His wife came to America when but a child of three years, with her parents in 1852. Mr. Freund, some years ago, disposed of a portion of the old homestead farm, still retaining thirty acres for his home and to the cultivation of this he has given his attention in the declining years of his life. During his residence here he has served as treasurer of his township for two years.

Michael Freund was educated in the parochial and public schools of this county. He remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, associated with his father in the cultivation of their home farm and, on leaving the parental roof, he followed the occupation of a carpenter for six years, after which he was engaged as a clerk for M. Washbusch in his grocery store in Fond du Lac, where he remained for ten years, later establishing himself independently in the grocery business. He has continued to give his attention to this enterprise for the past four years and has a prosperous and growing business, requiring the services of several efficient clerks.

Mr. Freund was united in wedlock to Miss Anna Thome on the 14th of September, 1909. Mrs. Freund is the daughter of Mathias and Gertrude (Merten) Thome. She is a native of Fond du Lac county, her birth having occurred in the town of Marshfield, her parents being numbered among the early settlers of that township. To them five children were born: Emma, Catharine, Stephen, Louisa and Anna. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Freund one child has been born, Gertrude. They are members of the Catholic church of this city. Mr. Freund is a member of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin and also a member of St. Joseph's Society of St. Mary's church.

Michael Freund is well known and highly respected throughout the county and city in which he resides and is numbered among the enterprising citizens of this community. He is a man of unblemished character, successful in his business undertakings and always to be relied upon to give his influence to any cause seeking the advancement of the moral and educational interests of the people.

JOSIAH BATSON.

Josiah Batson, who is spending the evening of life in honorable retirement at Fair Water, is a well known and highly respected citizen of Fond du Lac county and in former years was actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits here. His birth occurred in Cherry Valley township, Oswego county, New York, on the 21st of July, 1829, his parents being Josiah and Anna Maria (Gross) Batson, both of whom were natives of England, in which country their marriage was celebrated in September, 1828. The father was a parchment maker by trade. One year after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Batson emigrated to the United States, locating in Springfield, New York. They remained in the Empire state—living at Springfield, Cherry Valley and Westford—for a period of twenty-five years. At the end of that time they came to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, purchasing and locating on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Metomen township. A few years later they removed to Ripon, where Mrs. Batson passed away on the 28th of February, 1867. Mr. Batson then came to Fair Water and spent the remainder of his life in the home of our subject, his demise occurring on the 25th of April, 1874. The Batson family held a reunion at Lake Minnetonka, June 28, 1912, at which eighty-seven were present.

Josiah Batson remained under the parental roof until seventeen years of age, when he began working for others, though his wages went to his father until he attained his majority, and he then started out in life on his own account. He learned the shoemaker's trade and busied himself at that occupation through the winter months, while in the summer seasons he worked at any employment that offered itself. He had left his father's house with but eleven dollars in his pocket when twenty-one years old and had to depend entirely upon his own resources in making a start in the business world. Two years later, with two hundred dollars cash, he began the journey to Wisconsin, arriving in this state with one hundred and eighty-five dollars. In 1852 he located in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, and eighteen months later came to Fond du Lac county, purchasing a farm of eighty acres in Metomen township. He was married in Green Lake and commenced housekeeping in a log shanty, the furnishings of which included a table which he made with his own hands and an old stove which he borrowed. He also went in debt for seven dollars' worth of dishes. Later disposing of his eighty-acre tract, he bought one hundred and sixty acres near Fair Water and subsequently extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of eighty acres and also one of sixty acres. In 1857 he began raising sheep, his



MR. AND MRS. JOSIAH BATSON



flock increasing until he had five hundred head on his farm here and three hundred and twenty head on a farm in Minnesota, which he had taken on a debt. At the time of his arrival in Fair Water, David Jones was the only man engaged in business in the town. In 1878 Mr. Batson suffered heavy losses through fire, which destroyed a large barn eighty-five feet long and a hay shed containing one hundred and fifty tons of hay, together with grain, wool and timothy seed valued at over four thousand dollars, with insurance of eighteen hundred and fifty dollars. He then built another large barn, one hundred feet long, which was blown to pieces by a hurricane seven years later. Subsequently he erected two large barns, a wagon house and a carriage house. In 1892 lightning struck one of the barns, incurring the loss of both barns, the wagon house, granary, wool, etc. Ten years ago fire destroyed two brick store buildings valued at thirty-two hundred dollars and only partly covered by insurance. A few years ago he sold his land, retaining only a few acres in town which he devotes to gardening. Though now eighty-three years of age, he is as active and as physically able as many men much younger and expects to reach the century mark. Though misfortune frequently came to him in the destruction of his property, he has retrieved his losses by dint of industry, perseverance and good management and is now spending the evening of life in honorable retirement, enjoying many comforts and even luxuries. Two years ago he and his wife went to the Gulf of Mexico to spend the winter with the latter's son. Mr. Batson is a stockholder in the Fair Water and Alto Telephone Company of Fair Water, this county.

For his first wife Mr. Batson chose Miss Arabella Wells, a daughter of Amaso Wells, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Wisconsin in the early '40s, taking up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Clinton, Rock county, where he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He remained on the same farm throughout the remainder of his life, passing away at the age of sixty-one years. His widow then went to Chicago and there spent the remainder of her life in the home of her son Warren, her demise occurring at the age of ninety-two years. Unto Josiah and Arabella (Wells) Batson were born six children, as follows: Mary Josephine, whose birth occurred on the 4th of February, 1855, and who is the wife of Joseph Lockin, a farmer living near Brandon, this county; Stella Adelaide, born February 21, 1858, who is deceased; Judson F., who was born on the 12th of January, 1860, and is also deceased; Warren A., born May 21, 1861, who is engaged in mining in Mexico; Fayette F., whose birth occurred on the 2d of September, 1865, and who follows farming in Metomen township; and Laura Belle, born December 25, 1870, who is the wife of Charles P. Tinkham, of Winnebago, Minnesota. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 15th of March, 1884, and on the 15th of November, 1888, Mr. Batson was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Harriett Stallard, who was born in England on the 1st of July, 1842. She was the widow of Edward Stallard of Ripon, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Groves) Kingsbury, both of whom were natives of England, in which country their marriage was celebrated on the 31st of August, 1839. A few years afterward Mr. Kingsbury, a mason by trade, came to the United States, locating in Ripon, Wisconsin. Two years later his wife and four children joined him in this country. Joseph Kingsbury passed away at Ripon in 1904, while the demise of his wife occurred at the home of their daughter, Jane Edwards, in Omro, Wisconsin, in November, 1909. Unto Edward and Harriett (Kingsbury) Stallard were born two children, as follows: William H., whose birth occurred on the 12th of April, 1860, and who is a farmer of Palacios, Texas; and Florence Belle, who was born on the 2d of July, 1872, and is the wife of Frank Keso, of Ripon, Wisconsin.

Mr. Batson exercises his right of franchise in support of the prohibition party, believing that the liquor traffic is one of the worst evils with which the country has to contend. He has been a member of the Baptist church for sixty-

five years and has been one of its active and helpful workers. His wife is also a member of the same church. The period of his residence in Fond du Lac county covers almost six decades and he enjoys an enviable reputation within its borders, for his life has ever been such as to command and merit the regard and esteem of all.

FRANK E. JONES.

Frank E. Jones is a native of Fond du Lac county and is a son of an early settler in Metomen township. He is living in Brandon after an active career of more than a quarter of a century during which time he cultivated an excellent farm on section 34, bringing his enterprise to success by steadily pursuing a progressive and straightforward policy and is interested in the business development of Brandon. He was born in Metomen township on June 27, 1860, a son of David and Lucy J. (Knapp) Jones. His father was born on the border line between England and Wales on January 5, 1828, and came to America with his parents when he was seventeen years of age. His residence in Metomen township dates from 1848 and he is now the oldest surviving settler in this section. He is one of the representative and enterprising farmers and stock-raisers operating a tract of two hundred and twenty acres of land, a portion of which he obtained from the government in early times, receiving his deed from President Polk. He and his wife had six children: William A., who was born October 9, 1857, and who died on the 17th of September, 1889; Frank E., the subject of this sketch; Ralph, who was born December 5, 1864, and who is now professor of pathology in the State University at Madison; Jessie E., whose birth occurred July 30, 1869, who married J. G. Seelig, and who passed away December 31, 1904; Fred Arthur, who was born January 10, 1873, and who is in the butter-making business in Ontario; and John Edwin, who was born June 1, 1876, and who is associated with his father in the conduct of the homestead.

Frank E. Jones was educated in the district schools of his native section and assisted his father in the conduct of his agricultural enterprise until 1884. In that year he purchased eighty acres in Metomen township on section 34 and there remained until the fall of 1911. During that time he made improvements upon the property and brought his enterprise to a highly improved and developed state by constantly following standards of progress. He based a distinct success upon early familiarity with agricultural details and methods and upon his personal efficiency and business integrity. For the past year he has been living in Brandon and giving his attention to the management of his important interests in the village.

On December 23, 1884, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Katie Robins, a daughter of Oscar and Charlotte (Boardman) Robins of Green Lake county. Her father was born in New York state on December 11, 1836, and is of English-Dutch descent. He came to Wisconsin in the spring of 1855 and located in Green Lake county, where he followed farming until a few years before his death. He then retired and moved to Brandon, where he passed away January 7, 1911. His wife was born near Burlington, Vermont, March 22, 1843, and is of French ancestry. Her father, Henry Boardman, was born near Burlington, Vermont, June 3, 1817, and her mother's birth occurred in Canada, November 28, 1818. They came to Kenosha county, Wisconsin, in the fall of 1843 and two years later located in Metomen township where Henry Boardman took up government land and became prominent in public affairs. He was the first postmaster of Fair Water and for several years did able and effective work as justice of the peace. He was one of the first to assist in the establishment of the old Baptist church of Fair Water, donating one hundred

dollars to the cause. He died in Milford, Iowa, March 21, 1900, his wife having passed away in Fair Water, September 4, 1854. Mrs. Jones' mother is still surviving and makes her home with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two children: Hazel, who was born November 25, 1893, in Metomen township, and who was graduated from the Brandon high school with the class of 1911; and Myrta, born March 2, 1899, who is a student in the Brandon high school. The family belong to the Congregational church of Brandon.

Mr. Jones is independent in his political views and votes for the man whom he considers best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliations. He never seeks public office but has served as assessor with conscientiousness and ability. He is president of the telephone company of Brandon and for eighteen years has been on the board of directors of the Farmers Insurance Company. He has retired from agricultural pursuits and is giving his time to the management of his interests in the village. Having been engaged as a general farmer for over twenty-five years his career has been an influence in promoting the agricultural development of the county and his present activities are factors in its expansion and welfare.

PETER J. LERCH.

Peter J. Lerch, who owns a farm of a hundred and forty acres on section 34 of Byron township, represents the third generation of one of Fond du Lac county's highly esteemed pioneer families. For more than fifty years his people have been identified with the agricultural interests of the county, toward the progress and development of which they have substantially contributed, and they have also figured prominently in the political life of their communities. He was born on the farm he now owns in Byron township on the 16th of March, 1872, and is a son of Peter and Caroline (Meyer) Lerch. The father was born in Germany about 1843, and the mother was a native of Brownsville, Wisconsin. They became the parents of four children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth, the others being Charles, Louis and Matilda. The father, whose energies were always devoted to agricultural pursuits, emigrated to the United States with his parents, Jacob and Katheryn (Kramer) Lerch. They were both natives of Germany, the former having been born in 1815 and the latter in 1818. They were reared in the old country and there they were married in 1838, and emigrated to the United States with their family in 1855. Upon their arrival in this country they first located in Milwaukee but the next year they came to Fond du Lac county, where the grandfather purchased forty acres of land. He later increased his holdings until he held the title of two hundred acres of good farming land. He passed away in 1894 and the grandmother in 1897. They had four children: Philip J., whose biography appears elsewhere in this work; Margaret; Peter, the father of our subject, who passed away in 1898; and Elizabeth, who died at the age of two years.

Peter J. Lerch lived on the farm until the fall of 1904, when he removed to Byron although he still manages his farm. His early years were very similar to those of other lads who are reared in the country. At the usual age he began his education in the school in district No. 10 of Byron township, where he continued his studies until he was a youth of fourteen. Thereafter he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, which he has since followed with a measure of success. His business career has been marked by a gradual but permanent progress and he is now known as one of the substantial citizens of his community. He engages in diversified farming and stock-raising in connection with which he does dairying. He owns a cheese factory at Colby, this state, and

he is a stockholder in the German Coach Horse Association of Brownsville, Dodge county, while for six years he has been engaged in the creamery business.

At Byron on the 23d of June, 1897, Mr. Lerch was united in marriage to Miss Edith Senser, a daughter of Frederick and Bertha Senser, prosperous pioneer farming people of Fond du Lac township. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lerch, Mabel, Vernon, Harold and Sylvia.

The family are members of the Lutheran church, and fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political support is given to the candidates of the republican party, and he served for six years as a member of the school board, justice of the peace and health officer, while for three years he was road supervisor. Mr. Lerch is interested in the progress and development of his community, and actively cooperates in forwarding its various public utilities.

LEVI P. BLANCHARD.

Levi P. Blanchard was an early settler in Fond du Lac county and has spent practically his entire life in this county. He has never neglected any of his duties, having served with credit and distinction in the Civil war and having molded his business activities along upright and honorable lines. He carried on general agricultural pursuits in Springvale township for almost twenty years and is now living retired, having earned rest by activity, industry and persevering labor. He was born in Jefferson county, New York, December 21, 1839, and is a son of Philip and Catherine (Drummond) Blanchard. The father was born in Wiltshire, England, in 1796 and came of good British stock. For ten years he was a soldier in the regular army and later followed general agricultural pursuits. He came to the United States in the early '30s, locating in Jefferson county, New York, where he engaged in farming. He was among the earliest pioneers in Wisconsin, coming to this state in 1854 and settling in Springvale township, where he purchased a tract of land upon which he resided until his death, which occurred on October 3, 1860. His wife was a native of Jefferson county, New York, and their marriage occurred in Sacket Harbor, that state. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Penny, in Springvale township in 1884. She was the mother of six children: Elizabeth, the widow of Charles Penny, of Rosendale; George W., of Proctor, Minnesota; Catherine, who became the wife of F. C. Prouty, of Tracy, Minnesota, and is deceased; Levi P., the subject of this sketch; Charles D., of Pollock, South Dakota; and James A., of New York city. The last named is a graduate of Ripon College in the class of 1871 and of the law department of Columbia University and is a justice of the supreme court of the state of New York. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having served for one year in Company I, Second Wisconsin Cavalry.

Levi P. Blanchard attended public school in New York state and came to Springvale township with his parents when he was fifteen years of age. He worked upon the home farm until he was twenty years of age and then began life independently. He went into the northern Wisconsin woods, where he worked as a lumber jack during the winter season and in summer was employed on the river. On October 17, 1864, he enlisted at Fond du Lac in Company I, Second Wisconsin Cavalry, serving under Colonel Thomas. He went to Memphis, Tennessee, and performed scout duty in various southern states, being connected during this time with the Department of the Gulf. He was mustered out with an honorable discharge on October 17, 1865, at Hempstead, Texas, and returned immediately to Fond du Lac county. He again went to the northern woods and followed lumbering until 1893, when he located upon the farm where

he lives today. He has retired from active work and rents his land, although he still keeps a garden plot and a few head of stock for himself.

On February 22, 1893, Mr. Blanchard was united in marriage to Miss Emma Thayer, a daughter of John Wesley and Milia (Prouty) Thayer. Her father was born in New York state and was of German and Irish ancestry. He was a general farmer and followed this line of occupation in Springvale township, whither he had come in pioneer times. He purchased land and upon this he resided until his death, which occurred on August 18, 1860. He and his wife were the parents of six children: Adelaide, the wife of George W. Blanchard, of Proctor, Minnesota; Octavius, who died in 1845, when he was but a year old; Emma, the wife of our subject; Phoebe, the wife of R. J. Churchhouse, of Sheffield, Iowa; Lucinda, who married David Biggs, also a resident of Sheffield, Iowa; and Amos, a farmer in Springvale township, Fond du Lac county.

Levi P. Blanchard gives his allegiance to the republican party and is a staunch partisan. He is intelligently interested in the affairs of his community but never seeks public office. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is an adherent of the Congregational denomination. He is a member of Lodge No. 111, F. & A. M., of Rosendale, and Mrs. Blanchard belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. He is well known in various social circles of the district in which he resides but perhaps the most intense interest of his life is in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic. He never misses a state encampment and thoroughly enjoys the annual outings of the organization. He has been a resident of Fond du Lac county since he was fifteen years of age and has many friends in the section, most of whom have known him from childhood and honor him today for his well proved qualities of mind and character.

MRS. MARY McCREADY.

Mrs. Mary McCready, who owns and operates a farm on section 27, Byron township, was born in Fond du Lac township on the 24th of December, 1852, and is a daughter of Gerland and Elizabeth Bernard. The father, who was a farmer, was born in Ireland in 1818, and passed away in Fond du Lac county in 1902, while the mother's death occurred in 1892.

Mrs. McCready was reared at home and educated in the district schools, which she attended until she was sixteen years of age. She remained with her people until her marriage, following which she went to Brownsville to live.

Theresa, Dodge county, Wisconsin, was the scene of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William E. McCready, the event occurring on the 13th of June, 1876. He was born at North Adams, Massachusetts, on the 1st of December, 1848, and died on the farm where his widow now resides in Byron township on December 26, 1910. Mr. McCready came to Wisconsin in his early life, and on the 12th of October, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company G, First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery. He remained at the front until mustered out on the 13th of July, 1865, serving under the command of Captain Henry F. Rouse. He received his discharge at Camp Washburn, this state, and subsequently returned to this county and soon thereafter purchased his farm in Byron township. His energies were engaged in the further improvement and cultivation of this place until his death.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCready, as follows: Charles W., who is employed in the store room of the Soo Line; Grace E., who married Edward Hayden, of Byron; Bernard H., who is managing the home farm for his mother; and Jeanie M., who is also at home. Mrs. Hayden, the only member of the family who has married, is the mother of three children: Mary H., Joseph A. and Paul W.

The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church, as was also the father, who accorded his political allegiance to the republican party. Mr. McCready was widely known and highly esteemed in this community, as he was a man of upright standards and sound principles, the worth of which had been thoroughly tested during the long period of his residence. Mrs. McCready is equally popular with her neighbors, whose stanch friendship she has won through her kind impulses and generous nature, as she is always ready to assist those who are in trouble or distress.

HENRY DUNN.

Henry Dunn is one of the well known citizens of Eldorado township, Fond du Lac county, where he is successfully engaged in the cultivation of his farm of eighty acres. He was born in Fond du Lac county in 1885 and is a son of John and Mary (Kenning) Dunn, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Germany. The father emigrated to America at an early day and located on a farm in Eldorado township, on which he established his home and there continued to live for many years. He advanced the land from an undeveloped wilderness to a highly improved farm, on which he built all the necessary farm buildings, including a well appointed and commodious residence.

Henry Dunn was reared in his father's home and received his early education in a public school of Eldorado township. As a young man he was engaged with his father on the latter's farm and later he purchased the old homestead, which comprises eighty acres. He has since given his attention to general farming, his principal crops being barley, wheat and corn.

Henry Dunn was united in marriage in 1911 to Miss Minnie Patt. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical church of Eldorado. Mr. Dunn is one of the substantial citizens of his township and a man whose consistent life as an industrious farmer has gained for him the esteem of the people with whom he has come in contact and has made him well known throughout the county of Fond du Lac.

WILLIAM F. GLASOW.

William F. Glasow is one of the well known and successful merchants of Fond du Lac, being engaged in the grocery business at 444-446 South Main street. He is a native of Prussia, Germany, being born February 25, 1846, a son of Christopher and Wilhelmina (Gorman) Glasow. Christopher Glasow followed the occupation of farmer during his entire life. He emigrated to America in the year 1862 and settled in Plymouth township, Sheboygan county, remaining at that location for two years only after which he established his residence in Fond du Lac. To the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glasow nine children were born, six of whom lived to the years of maturity: Wilhelmina, the wife of F. Arndt, of Sheboygan county, Wisconsin; Fredericka, the wife of John Lapp, of Clark county, Wisconsin; Augusta, the wife of Albert Schwartz, of Georgia, Minnesota; Ernestina, who married Christian Adermann, of Sheboygan county, Wisconsin; Hannah, the wife of Frederick Michler, of Mariton county, Wisconsin; and William F., of Fond du Lac. The parents passed to their reward many years ago, the mother dying at the age of forty-eight and her husband in Fond du Lac in 1881, aged seventy-two years.

William F. Glasow was reared at home and received a liberal education in the schools of his native land. He emigrated at the age of sixteen, with his

father's family, to America, in the year 1862, making his first settlement in the new country in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin. Here he remained for one year only and then removed to Fond du Lac and in that city for two years was employed in a sawmill. Leaving the employ of the mill he obtained a position in the C. J. L. Meyers sash, door and blind factory and continued with this concern for a period of twenty years, at the end of which time he established himself in the grocery business, to which he has given his entire attention for the past twenty-six years.

Mr. Glasow was united in wedlock on the 23d day of January, 1870, to Miss Lena Halle. Mrs. Glasow is a native of Saxony, Germany, and at the age of three years emigrated with her parents to America, the family settling in Plymouth township, Sheboygan county, of this state. Later they removed to the town of Plymouth. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Halle: Bertha, Fred, Lena, Ida, Amelia and Herman. The father and mother of this family have long since passed to their reward. To Mr. and Mrs. William F. Glasow the following children have been born: William, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Ida, the wife of Rev. L. Krug, residing at North Yakima, Washington, and they have five children, Erna, Louis, Leda, Arno and Herbert; Henry, who is engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Fond du Lac, married Anna Krug and has three children, Clarence, Arnold and Lorene; Gustave, who is employed in his father's store, married Katie Krug and has one child, Carlton; Robert, who is engaged as a diamond-setter in Fond du Lac, married Miss Paulina Krug and has two children, Marian and Ruth; Lena, who is the wife of Alexander O. Benz, residing in Fond du Lac, and has four children, Leona, Alexander, Walter and Herbert; Emma, the wife of Henry Ottery, of Empire, who has two children, Edwin and Henry G.; Arthur, engaged as a machinist; Edward, employed in the wholesale house of his brother; and Albert, who is also a machinist and is employed by the government on the Panama canal.

Mr. Glasow is an enthusiastic adherent of the republican party and he has served for two terms as alderman of the old eighth ward. Both he and Mrs. Glasow are members of St. Peter's Lutheran church of Fond du Lac. Mr. Glasow for many years has enjoyed the confidence and patronage of the people of his adopted city. He is a man of reliable and conservative business practice and is numbered among the pioneer residents of this county.

JOHN H. BROWN.

John H. Brown operates a general store in Fair Water and has a record of many years' identification with this line of activity in one location. He has been a resident of Wisconsin since 1857, gaining there a reputation for business integrity and for high qualities of citizenship. He was born in Caledonia county, Vermont, on November 6, 1834, and is a son of Harris and Roxanna (Sleeper) Brown, the former a native of Rhode Island and the latter of Vermont. His father was born in 1804 and was of New England ancestry. He had followed the wagon-maker's and carpenter's trades in Vermont for a number of years, arriving in that state with his parents in early pioneer times. The mother was born in Newark, Vermont, and traced her ancestry back to Israel Putnam. She died in her native state in 1843 and fourteen years afterward her husband went to Illinois, coming two years later to Fair Water, Wisconsin, where he opened a wagon shop, which he operated for a few years and until his death.

John H. Brown has been earning his own livelihood since he was a small boy. He started active life for himself by working for an uncle in Vermont for six years, after which he went to Canada and obtained employment upon a farm. He gained his first knowledge of that country under unfavorable con-

ditions, it being so cold that winter that the stock froze to death in the barns. Consequently, Mr. Brown spent only a short time in Canada, returning to Vermont in a few years. He persuaded his father and sister to accompany him west. His father went to Illinois and two years later joined his children in Fair Water. John H. Brown worked in the employ of a farmer in Metomen township for three years and then went into partnership with his father in the conduct of a carpenter shop. On August 7, 1862, he enlisted in the Federal army, joining Company A, Thirty-second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was discharged on June 12, 1865, from the United States service by order of the war department at Washington. He then came to Milwaukee and received his final discharge, returning immediately to Fair Water, where he continued in business in association with his father. He later established himself in the general merchandise line of business in the village and has continued in the same location since that time, gaining during the years a reputation for honesty, business sagacity and strict integrity, which qualities have been the basis of a distinct and substantial success.

John H. Brown married Miss Theodosia Spaulding. Her father was a native of Vermont and her mother a native of Canada. Mrs. Brown's father was of New England ancestry and came to Metomen township with his brothers in pioneer times. He married in this section and purchased land on the boundary line between Green Lake and Fond du Lac counties, where he remained until his death. His wife was of French-Canadian descent and came to Wisconsin with her parents, locating in Alto township, Fond du Lac county. She is still living on the home farm, making her home with her son Montgomery. Mrs. John H. Brown was born upon the family homestead and died in Fair Water in 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had one child, who died in infancy.

John H. Brown served as postmaster of Fair Water for seven years and at one time was cashier for a grain buyer in the village. In politics he is liberal, voting for the man best qualified for the office, showing in this relation the independence and courage of conviction which have marked every activity of his life.

NORRIS S. HERSEY.

Norris S. Hersey has spent all his life in Lamartine township and is one of the most popular and enterprising citizens of that section. He has been identified with agricultural pursuits since his early boyhood and his present farm is located on section 10, comprising one hundred and ten acres of the finest land in Fond du Lac county. He was born on the 18th of August, 1857, and is a native son of Lamartine township. His father, James A. Hersey, was born in Ira Corners, New York, February 6, 1822, and was the first of the family to come to Wisconsin. He settled in this state in 1844 and for sixty-eight years was largely engaged in farming in the district where his son now resides. He first took up his abode, however, in Fond du Lac and became closely associated with Dr. Darling in the real-estate business. He afterward removed to the town of Lamartine, where he bought a farm on which the remaining active years of his life were spent. He died June 17, 1912, at the remarkable old age of ninety years, and his death marked the passing of one of the pioneer agriculturists of Fond du Lac county, where he was prominently known as a progressive and public-spirited man. He continued in active connection with farm work till the age of seventy-six and spent the remaining fourteen years of his life in honorable retirement from business. His wife, Lorana (Jones) Hersey, was a native of New York state and came to Wisconsin in 1846. In this state her death occurred on the 9th of April, 1912, when she was eighty-

three years of age. She was the mother of the following children: Jane Ann, who became the wife of Edward Broughton, a farmer of Lamartine township, and passed away in Washington in 1902, leaving two children; Milford and Fay, both residents of Walla Walla, Washington; Myron H.; and our subject.

Norris S. Hersey was educated in the district schools of Lamartine township and actively pursued his studies until he was sixteen years old. He has been acquainted since childhood with the details of agricultural activities and has been identified with the development and operation of his present farm for twenty-one years. He owns one hundred and ten acres in Lamartine township, all under a high state of cultivation. He is entirely responsible for the scientific methods by which his farm is cultivated, and each year brings him more abundant harvests and an increasing degree of success. He does general farming and keeps a large herd of cattle to which he gives his personal supervision and attention. He has met with gratifying results in this branch of his activities and his name is becoming prominently known in this connection.

On December 30, 1885, Mr. Hersey was united in marriage to Miss Flora G. Spoor, of Lamartine, whose grandparents were among the pioneer settlers in that section. They came to Wisconsin in 1861 and here the grandfather carried on the operation of a large farm until his death in February, 1896, when he was seventy-six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Hersey are the parents of two children: Charles D., who married Sarah F. Miller, of Lamartine; and Harry J., who is living at home.

Politically, Mr. Hersey gives his allegiance to the republican party and has served his township in several capacities with ability and distinction, among others as township assessor. He is a stanch Baptist and his religion is of the everyday sort which influences a man's personal life and character. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America but beyond this has no fraternal affiliations. He is best known in his community as a representative agriculturist who undertakes the development of the soil along scientific and progressive lines. He is, moreover, identified with some of the most important enterprises in the neighboring villages and as a director and stockholder in the Woodhull Telephone Company has met with a gratifying measure of success. For sixteen years he has been a director in the Oakfield Insurance Company and his identification with this concern is a proof of the prosperity he would have attained in a purely business walk of life. As a farmer and stock-raiser, Mr. Hersey represents a large and constantly increasing class of men, who, by promoting their individual success along agricultural lines, are adding to the reputation which Fond du Lac county has attained of being one of the most productive and fertile regions of America.

LOUIS MUENTER.

Louis Muentner for thirty-six years was one of the most active and representative business men of the city of Fond du Lac, residing at No. 225 East Division street, that city. He was born in Rostock, Mecklenburg, Germany, February 7, 1840 and was the son of Carl and Dorothea (Prange) Muentner.

Louis Muentner was reared in the home of his parents and received a liberal education in Germany, his native country. For some time he was engaged as a clerk in a grocery establishment and later employed as a traveling salesman in the grocery business. He emigrated to America in 1865, settling first in Beaver Dam, this state, where he continued to live until 1868. In that year, changing his residence, he removed to Fond du Lac and entered into co-partnership with Henry Wallace of that city, with whom he was engaged in the general retail grocery business and continued to give his entire attention to this

for ten consecutive years. Retiring from the grocery business he became cashier of the German-American Bank, a position in which he continued to serve for several years and later was the assistant cashier in the Fond du Lac National Bank.

Mr. Muentner was united in marriage to Miss Alwine Rueping on the 21st of April, 1867. The father of Mrs. Muentner was William Rueping, who emigrated to America at an early day and established his permanent home in Fond du Lac. Here he engaged in the tannery business, being the owner and proprietor of his establishment, which at that time was of modest proportions, but has since developed into one of the largest and most important industries of its kind in Wisconsin, requiring several hundred efficient employes in its operation. Mr. Rueping was for many years one of the most prominent and successful business men in this section of Wisconsin.

To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Muentner eight children were born: Bertha, the wife of Edward Madden, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, who has three children, Alvine, Louis and Ruth; Louis, who died at the age of twenty-seven; Meta, the wife of Albert Crews, of Fond du Lac, who has two children, Henrietta and Paul; Otto, engaged in business in Fond du Lac, his wife being formerly Miss Louise Brucker; Johanna, the wife of R. C. Wells, who has three children, Edith, Dorothy and Robert; Alma, the wife of G. B. Ives, to whom have been born two children, Vera and Carl; Robert, who died at the age of two years, and Wilhelmina, also deceased, who died when twenty-three years of age.

Louis Muentner was a member of the Masonic order and also of the Knights of Pythias. He was affiliated with the democratic party and for ten continuous years was elected by the people of this county to the office of county treasurer, having previously served as the deputy county treasurer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Muentner attended the German Evangelical church of this city.

Louis Muentner was highly esteemed by the citizens of Fond du Lac county for his conservative business methods and was regarded as one of the most successful business men in this part of Wisconsin. He was a man of unblemished integrity and enjoyed the confidence of all of his associates and his death, which occurred in his home in the year 1894, was regarded as a great loss, not only to his family, but to all the people with whom he had associated.

FRED FALBE.

Fred Falbe, who dates his residence in Fond du Lac county from 1866, was for many years actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits here but during the past two years has lived retired at Fair Water, enjoying the fruits of his years of toil in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Germany on the 7th of December, 1842, his parents being John and Minnie (Bakohouse) Falbe, who were likewise natives of Germany. The mother there passed away in 1867 and in that year the father emigrated to the United States, joining our subject in Brandon, Fond du Lac county. After two years, however, he returned to Germany, where his demise occurred in 1879.

In 1866, when twenty-four years of age, Fred Falbe crossed the Atlantic to America in company with his brother, coming direct to Wisconsin and locating first in Ripon. Subsequently he took up his abode in Brandon, this county, purchased two lots in the village and erected a home thereon. He worked as a farm hand for four years and with his earnings then bought forty acres of land in Metomen township. Two years later he disposed of the property and purchased a farm of eighty-eight acres on section 29, Metomen township, residing thereon until 1910, when he put aside the active work of the fields, rented the place to his son and removed to the village of Fair Water. The prosperity which has crowned

his labors is but the merited reward of a life of well directed and untiring industry. When he first came to this county he became ill and was obliged to remain in a hospital for a long time before his health had been restored sufficiently for him to take up farming. Notwithstanding the obstacles and difficulties in his path, however, he has worked his way steadily upward to a position among the substantial and respected citizens of the community. He is a shareholder in the Farmers' Creamery Company of Fair Water.

In 1868 Fred Falbe was united in marriage to Miss Rosie Cebull, who was born in Germany on the 2d of February, 1849, her parents being Peter and Tune (Schipen) Cebull, the former a farmer of Rush Lake, Wisconsin. Her parents were born, reared and married in the fatherland and emigrated to the United States in 1865, locating at Ripon, Wisconsin, where Peter Cebull began farming. A few years later he removed to Brandon, this county, where he made his home until called to his final rest in 1887. His wife, surviving him for a number of years, passed away in 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Falbe have been born seven children, as follows: Minnie, who was born on the 13th of April, 1869, and is deceased; Mary, born September 14, 1872, the wife of Thomas Hornby, a cement contractor of Waupun, Wisconsin; Josie, who was born on the 7th of March, 1877, and gave her hand in marriage to William Gohrhouse, a cigar-maker of Waupun, Wisconsin; Henry, born September 2, 1879, at home; Laura, who was born on the 12th of July, 1882, and died at the age of six years; Frederic, who was born June 24, 1886, and farms on the home place; and Lydia, born March 11, 1889, the wife of Henry Liske, a merchant of Fair Water, this county.

Fred Falbe gives his political allegiance to the democracy, has served as supervisor of Metomen township for four years and for several years acted as school director in that township. His religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. During the long period of his residence in Fond du Lac county he has become widely known and his many excellent traits of character have won him a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

ARTHUR W. JONES.

Arthur W. Jones, who is operating the farm on which he was born on the 7th of June, 1872, is one of the highly capable and efficient agriculturists of Lamartine township, where he is successfully devoting his energies to diversified farming and stock-raising. His father, Joseph Jones, was born in New Hampshire on October 27, 1825, and there he was also reared. In 1844 he came to Fond du Lac county, and soon thereafter settled on a farm in Lamartine township, where he still makes his home. He worked diligently, directing his undertakings with intelligence, and as a result he prospered in his activities, acquiring two hundred and forty acres of land. He devoted himself to the further improvement and cultivation of his homestead until fifteen years ago, when he withdrew from active work and has since been living retired, although he still resides on his farm. The greater part of the land is in a high state of productivity and has been improved by the erection of a comfortable residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. There are twenty-five head of cattle, six horses and other stock on the place, which is equipped with everything essential to its cultivation. Lamartine was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Jones to Miss Miranda Wilson, the mother of our subject, who was born in the state of New York. She came to Fond du Lac county in the early '40s. Besides the son, Arthur W., there was also born of this marriage a daughter, Emma, who is the younger of the two. Mr. Jones has two sons, Albert of Lamartine township, and Louis, who is a resident of Schofield, Wisconsin, who were born of another marriage.

The entire life of Arthur W. Jones has been passed on the farm where he now resides. In the acquirement of an education he attended the district schools of this community until he was sixteen years of age, then began his career as an agriculturist. He worked for his father, until the latter's retirement fifteen years ago, when he leased the farm, and has since been operating it on the shares. As he is a practical man of diligent habits and well organized methods he has prospered in his undertakings and is ranked among the successful agriculturists of the township.

At Rosendale, on the 13th of January, 1897, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Mary McNamee, a daughter of Patrick H. and Ann E. (Ellis) McNamee, prosperous farming people of that section. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones: Alice B., whose birth occurred on the 11th of November, 1898; and Joseph A., whose natal day was August 22, 1900.

The family are members of the Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Jones gives his political support to the democratic party. He is one of the best known men in the community, his people having been more or less prominently identified with the progress and development of Lamartine township for nearly seventy years, being among the first settlers in this section.

JACOB H. WALDSCHMIDT.

Jacob H. Waldschmidt is entitled to be numbered among the oldest surviving pioneers of this county and city, having maintained a continuous residence here for a period of sixty-two years. He is a veteran of the Civil war, living a retired life at the age of eighty-one years. He is a son of William and Catharine (Hinn) Waldschmidt, both of whom were natives of Germany and who have long since passed away, the mother having died in 1831 and the father in 1847.

Jacob H. Waldschmidt is a native of Germany and the only child of his parents. His mother having died in his infancy, he grew to manhood in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Hinn. He received his early education in the schools of his native land and during the early years of his life was there engaged in farming. In the year 1850, at the age of nineteen, he emigrated to America and settled on a farm in the township of Forest, in this county. His first purchase was forty acres of good Wisconsin land to which he later added an additional twenty acres. After having improved this property for some years he disposed of it at a handsome profit and immediately thereafter purchased a farm of eighty acres to which he later added an additional fifteen acres. He continued to live upon this property and by constant attention to its improvement he succeeded in bringing it to a high state of cultivation and eventually sold eighty acres of this farm retaining for his own use fifteen acres, which he still owns. He continued to live in the township of Forest until the year 1897. During that year he removed his residence to St. Cloud, Wisconsin, where he lived with his son, Dr. Waldschmidt, for a period of six years, after which he removed to the city of Fond du Lac and there purchased the home in which he now resides. In 1865 Mr. Waldschmidt responded to the last bugle call of President Lincoln for volunteer troops for the defense of the flag of his adopted country and in company with sixteen associates from his own township he enlisted in Company H of the Fourteenth Regiment of Wisconsin, Volunteer Infantry and continued to follow his command for a period of eight months, at the expiration of which time he was discharged from field service in Mobile, Alabama, October 9, 1865.

Jacob H. Waldschmidt was united in marriage to Miss Margareta Heinzl, on the 8th day of January, 1854. Mrs. Waldschmidt was the daughter of Heinrich and Margaretha (Dilling) Heinzl, and to this union six children were born. Henry is the deceased husband of Cornie Kremer, and to them eight children

were born, William, Otto, Hattie, Landry, Ida, Katie, Reuben and Meta. George of Milwaukee, is the husband of Anna Petri, and they have nine children, Clara, Oscar, Hilda, Paul, Rosa, Benno, Elmer, Oliver and Stanley. Charles is engaged in farming and resides on the old homestead in Forest township. He is the husband of Emma (Scherer) Waldschmidt. Six children have been born to them: Lydia, Walter, Harry, Alvin, Norma and Reinhardt. Jacob is a resident physician in Fond du Lac in the active practice of his profession. He first married Miss Boll, who is deceased. Dr. Waldschmidt later chose as his partner in life Miss Huldah Hartung. Margaretha is the wife of Heinrich Grebe and has seven children, Paul, Emil, Martin, Rudolph, Oscar, Bernhart and Leona. Katharina is the wife of Lewis Scherer and to this union three children have been born, Lorena, Elsie and Wilmar.

Mrs. Waldschmidt, the wife of the subject of this review, died in the month of April, 1911, aged seventy-seven years, three months and seven days. She was a native of Germany, her birth having occurred in Klein Gladenbach, only three miles from Nieder Deiten, the place at which occurred the birth of her husband.

Jacob H. Waldschmidt is a man possessing a cultivated, intellectual mind and a strong will of enduring physical temperament. Now at the age of eighty-one years his natural powers are unabated. His eye is clear and keen, enabling him to enjoy his library and the current literature of the magazines and newspapers of the daily press without the aid of glasses, and his nervous force still maintains its wonted equilibrium, which still enables him to write a clear and legible hand. His life as a pioneer resident of this county reaches back to the year 1850. At that time Fond du Lac county was sparsely settled, unprovided with many of the necessary conveniences of life and largely covered with virgin forest. He has lived to see this rich portion of his adopted state developed into one of the best improved agricultural sections of the northwest, crossed and re-crossed by lines of railway systems and the place in which he now resides has grown from a village hamlet to one of the thriving, modern manufacturing and commercial centers of the middle west. He is a man universally respected by all who know him and highly esteemed for the service he has rendered his county and city as one of its enterprising citizens.

HENRY D. HILL.

Henry D. Hill is the popular and efficient president of the Fond du Lac Grocers Association, being engaged in the grocery business located at 272 South Main street, Fond du Lac. He was born on the Indian reservation in Waushara county, Wisconsin, September 18, 1852, and is the son of DeWitt C. and Julia R. (Ball) Hill. DeWitt C. Hill was a native of Massachusetts and in that state grew to the years of maturity. Shortly after his marriage he removed to Wisconsin and settled in Waushara county upon a farm where he continued for some time to reside and later removed to Fond du Lac in the '50s, where he devoted his attention to the pursuits of his trade, that of a molder. He continued to reside in this city until the time of his death in 1887, at the age of sixty-nine, his wife, a native of Vermont, having preceded him in death about two years previous at the age of fifty-seven years. To Mr. and Mrs. Hill four children were born: Maria, the deceased wife of W. H. Hutchison, she being the first white child born in Waushara county, this state; Henry D.; Emma D., the wife of W. T. May living at Marshfield; and Mary E. of Vancouver, Washington.

Henry D. Hill was reared at home and educated in the public schools of this city. After completing his schooling he learned the carriage trimmer's trade.

This he followed for a number of years and later removed to Chicago in 1886. Here he was engaged in the grocery business until 1905. He then removed to Fond du Lac where he established himself in the grocery business to which he has since devoted his entire attention.

Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Isadore Smith, on September 12, 1882. She is the daughter of D. W. and Harriet E. Smith, her birth having occurred in this city. Her parents were natives of the east and removed to Fond du Lac at an early day. Her father was the senior member of the firm of Smith & Chandler, doing a general grocery business here for many years. Later he removed to Great Bend, Kansas, at which place he died. His wife reached the end of her earthly journey later in the city of Chicago and was buried in the cemetery at Fond du Lac. To them five children were born, Marian, Frank, George, Isadore, and one who died in infancy.

Henry D. Hill is a member of Harvey Lodge, No. 832, A. F. & A. M. of Chicago, of Darling Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M., of Fond du Lac, and is a member of the Elks lodge of that city. He is affiliated with the republican party and an enthusiastic member of that great political organization. Mr. Hill is one of the live, progressive business men of the city of Fond du Lac, highly respected by his associates and greatly esteemed for his enterprising activities in all matters relating to the advancement of the business and social interests of this city.

DAVID JONES.

David Jones is the oldest surviving settler in Metomen township and is living upon his original tract of second-hand government land on section 34 which he obtained by deed from President James K. Polk. For well over half a century he has been a resident of Fond du Lac county, witnessing the gradual change and development and assisting in it by constructive work along agricultural lines. He is carrying on general farming and stock-raising on two hundred acres but he does not by any means narrow his interests to this one line of activity. He is well known in business circles of his section being a heavy investor in local enterprises and is prominent in every public movement for general advancement. He was born on the border line between England and Wales on January 5, 1828, and is a son of William and Esther (Dyke) Jones. His father was born in Breckenshire, England, in 1794, and his mother was also a native of England. She died when our subject was about seven years of age, passing away in Radvershire, Wales, in 1835. Her husband afterward married Miss Mary Evans and came to the United States in 1842, settling in Utica, New York, where he remained for three years. In 1845 he came to Kenosha county, Wisconsin, and followed general farming in that section until his death which occurred in 1858, his wife having passed away one year before. By his first union he had six children: William, John, and Mary Ann, all of whom have passed away; David, the subject of this sketch; Rice, who is engaged in farming in California; and Edwin, who has also passed away.

David Jones came to America with his father and remained upon the homestead in Kenosha county until he was twenty years of age. In 1848 he came to Metomen township, taking up in 1850 eighty acres of government land on section 34, for which he paid three hundred dollars, and receiving his deed from President Polk. He built a house upon his property and has resided therein since that time. He added to his holdings from time to time until he now owns two hundred acres of excellent farm land. Upon this he engages in general agricultural pursuits and is extensively interested in the breeding and raising of high-grade Guernsey cattle, having imported the head of his herd from Guernsey.

His farm is intelligently developed and capably managed in all its departments, and his business methods have always been beyond reproach, forming with his efficiency in agricultural details the basis of a solid and substantial success.

Mr. Jones was married on December 25, 1856, to Miss Lucy J. Knapp, a daughter of Alva and Mary (Cuthbert) Knapp, the former born in Hillsboro, Vermont, December 22, 1801, and the latter in the same place in 1806. Mrs. Jones' grandfather on the maternal side was a veteran in the Revolutionary war. Her parents came to Fond du Lac county in 1851 and settled at Round Prairie in Metomen township where the father took up government land. Upon this farm they resided for many years, selling it eventually and removing to Brandon, where the father died on September 27, 1875, and the mother on the 22d of July, 1879. They were well known pioneers in Wisconsin's settlement and were among the founders of the Methodist church in this locality. They became the parents of nine children: James, Eliza and Ovet, all of whom have passed away; Charles, who is engaged as a carpenter in Lyndon, Washington; Oscar and Mary, both of whom are deceased; Lucy, the wife of our subject, who was born in Starksboro, Vermont, May 27, 1837, and died September 22, 1907; and Wesley and Loretta, also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Jones became the parents of six children: William A., born October 9, 1857, who passed away September 17, 1889; Frank E., whose birth occurred June 27, 1860, and who is a retired farmer, residing in Brandon; Ralph, who was born December 5, 1864, and who is professor of pathology in the Madison University of Madison; Jessie E., born July 30, 1869, who became the wife of J. G. Seelig, of Ripon, Wisconsin, and who passed away December 31, 1904; Fred Arthur, whose natal day was January 10, 1873, and who is in the buttermaking business in Ontario; and John Edwin, whose birth occurred June 1, 1876, and who is associated with his father in the conduct of the homestead.

David Jones gives his allegiance to the republican party and is prominent and active in local affairs. He served as pathmaster and director of the school board, having held each office for several terms. He never seeks political preferment but does his duty ably and efficiently when called upon to do so. He is well known in business circles of Brandon, being a stockholder in the Farmers Telephone Company which he helped to organize and also in the Farmers Creamery Company of Metomen township. He is one of the earliest settlers in the section and has the distinction of having built in his early career the first house in the village of Brandon. He is now eighty-four years of age and has earned retirement although he is still laboring. The section to which he came as a pioneer has grown and expanded into a rich, prosperous and well developed farming district, the life and activities of David Jones being important factors in the change.

THOMAS F. COYNE.

Thomas F. Coyne is numbered among the worthy and representative citizens of Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. He owns and operates a valuable property consisting of forty acres of fertile and productive land in the district and has done constructive work in agricultural development. He was born in Lamartine township, on September 19, 1871, and is a son of John and May (Connaughty) Coyne, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of New York state. The father came to America when he was seven years of age and settled with his parents in Wisconsin. When he grew to manhood he followed farming until the outbreak of the Civil war, at which time he enlisted in Company C, Seventeenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years and ten months. He was present at many of the important engagements of the war and was twice wounded. He now resides in Lamartine town-

ship, where he is carrying on a prosperous agricultural enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. John Coyne became the parents of eight children, namely: James J., a contractor and builder residing on West Arndt street, in Fond du Lac, who married Miss Mira Conoboy of Lamartine, by whom he has two children, Margaret and John; Ellen B., who married J. I. Liberty, of Stetsonville, Wisconsin, engaged in the real-estate business, handling Montana land; Thomas F., of this review; Anna, the wife of Thomas E. Shields, a machinist of Baraboo, Wisconsin, and the mother of three children, Lucille, Raymond and Thomas; Mate, the wife of John O'Brien, of Osceola, who is engaged in farming; Kittie, who married Fred Bouhauser, a railroad engineer of Appleton, Wisconsin, by whom she has one son, Glenn; Bridget, who resides at home; and John, Jr., who also lives with his parents.

Thomas F. Coyne was reared at home and acquired his education in the district schools of Lamartine township. He has been identified with agriculture since his early childhood, when he aided his father in the work of the farm. He has not, however, had continuous identification with this line of work. For two years he was engaged as assistant engineer in the Fond du Lac power house and spent one year traveling in the west. He was successful as a bridge builder in the employ of the Wisconsin Central Railway, retaining his connection with this corporation for one year. At the end of that time he settled on the farm of forty acres which he has since developed and improved. He has brought his holdings to a high state of cultivation, has built suitable barns and outbuildings and is ranked among the progressive agriculturists in Lamartine township.

On January 16, 1900, Mr. Coyne was united in marriage at Osceola, Wisconsin, to Miss Mary O'Connor, a daughter of Thomas F. and Barbara (Moriarty) O'Connor. Mrs. Coyne's father was a farmer in Osceola and was successful in his chosen occupation. Our subject and his wife have three children, Ethel L., Eldon J. and Helen M. He and his family affiliate with St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church, holding membership in Fond du Lac. Mr. Coyne keeps in touch with the trend of modern agricultural development and his record of well directed activity, resulting as it has in gratifying success, is a proof of what may be accomplished by determination and enterprise, combined with constructive executive talent and unwavering diligence.

ALEXANDER LEONARD.

Alexander Leonard is a progressive and prosperous farmer of Forest township, owning the farm upon which he was born and operating it along the most modern and systematic lines. He has improved his holdings greatly and now has his property in an excellent condition. Mr. Leonard was born July 5, 1872, and is the son of Anton and Rosa (Shenkel) Leonard, natives of Germany. The father came to the United States when he was thirty years of age, settling in Pennsylvania, where in 1855 his marriage occurred. He was numbered among the earliest pioneers in the settlement of Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, coming to Forest township in the early '50s. Here he worked in a sawmill belonging to his uncle, L. D. Leonard, for a short time, abandoning this line of occupation when he purchased eighty acres of uncultivated timber land, to which he added from time to time and which he greatly improved. He died in his home in Forest in 1896, when he was seventy-one years of age. His wife is still living and makes her home with our subject, at the age of seventy-seven years. To their union were born eleven children, of whom Victoria passed away at the age of one and one-half years. Those who survive are Rosa, Anton, Dena, Lena, Sophia, Theresa, Christina, Alexander, Charles and Annie.



MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER LEONARD

Alexander Leonard spent his childhood in the little log house in which he was born. He assisted his father in the work of the farm and early became acquainted with the best and most effective agricultural methods. In 1901 he purchased the home place and set about its further improvement and development. He built all the present farm buildings with the exception of the home and has carried on general agriculture with success which has come as the natural result of energy, ability and systematic activity. His farm is one of the finest in Fond du Lac county, being operated intelligently and systematically. His practical methods have been productive of excellent results and he is numbered among the representative and enterprising young farmers in his section.

On September 3, 1901, Mr. Leonard was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Loehr, a daughter of Peter Loehr, of Forest township. They have two children: Alice, born on the 29th of May, 1905; and Alexander, born November 15, 1908. The family belong to the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Leonard is republican in his political beliefs and was elected in 1909 to the position of town treasurer, in which office he is now serving, bringing to the discharge of his duties the conscientiousness, ability and industry which have made him successful in his vocation. He gives his active support to movements for the general welfare and is in all things capable of making his public spirit effective for good.

HERBERT ORIN LEWIS.

Herbert Orin Lewis is one of the popular, well known, young business men of Fond du Lac city. His vocation is that of a public accountant. He maintains his residence in the city of his birth, at No. 181 East Second street. He was born in Fond du Lac, January 23, 1873, and is a son of Orin F. and Mary A. (Murray) Lewis. His father was a native of the state of New York and his mother of Prince Edwards Island. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Matthew I. and Betsey Ann Lewis. His maternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Murray. Orin F. Lewis, the father, at the age of fifteen years removed from the state of New York with his parents to Wisconsin and located in the county of Fond du Lac in the year 1847.

Herbert Orin Lewis was reared in his father's home and educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac, being one of the graduates of the high school of that city. After leaving school he accepted a position in the Wells Banking House as bookkeeper and continued in the service of this financial institution from February 1, 1892, to October 15, 1900. His close confinement in discharging the duties devolving upon him as head bookkeeper in this banking house resulted in temporary impairment of his health and necessitated a change of occupation. He severed his connection with the bank and for the following three years was engaged in light farming and later for three years followed the vocation of a commercial traveler. He then became a public accountant for one year after which he served as the secretary and treasurer of the Fond du Lac Printing and Binding Company for some time and subsequently returned to his present business, that of public accounting.

Herbert Orin Lewis was united in marriage on the 29th of August, 1900, to Miss Harriet Elizabeth Searl. Mrs. Lewis is a native of Wisconsin, her birth having occurred in the township of Byron. Her parents were natives of New York and at an early date established their home in Fond du Lac county. To Mr. and Mrs. Searl four children were born, all of whom lived to years of maturity: Ida C.; Emma, the wife of Martin Holte; Harriet Elizabeth and William A. The father of this family died some years ago, in his eightieth year. His widow, Mrs. Searl, survives him, at the age of eighty. To Mr. and

Mrs. Herbert Orin Lewis three children have been born: Herbert Murray, Ruth Evelyn and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Lewis votes with the republican party. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers. During his business life he has been generally recognized as one of the most reliable and efficient business men of this city his social standing being of the very highest degree among the people who have known him from his early boyhood. He is in every way a creditable and valuable asset to the community in which he lives. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are both members of the Baptist church of this city.

JAMES LEWIS COLE.

James Lewis Cole carries on general farming and stock-raising on section 10, Metomen township, and keeps a herd of Holstein cattle for dairy purposes. He was born in Green Lake county, this state, August 9, 1847, and is a son of Phineas and Eliza (Stowell) Cole, both of whom were natives of New York and were of English lineage. They were married in the Empire state and in 1846 removed westward to Green Lake county, Wisconsin, where the father took up the occupation of farming. He sold his property in that district, however, in 1851, and came to Fond du Lac county, purchasing land in Metomen township. Subsequently he removed to Nebraska, where he died at the home of his son William in 1895. His widow afterward returned to Wisconsin and passed away at the home of her son James in 1899.

Brought to Fond du Lac county when but four years of age, James Lewis Cole pursued his education in district school No. 9, in Metomen township, and remained on the farm with his father until the time of his marriage, during which period he became familiar with all of the duties and labors that fall to the lot of agriculturists. When married he rented land upon which he lived for ten years and his first purchase made him the owner of one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, Metomen township, whereon he lived for twenty years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode upon a forty-acre tract which he had purchased on section 10, Metomen township, renting his other farm to his son. He has ever been diligent and industrious in the care and development of his property and now carries on general farming and stock-raising, both branches of his business proving profitable. His herd of seventeen head of Holstein cattle enables him to carry on a dairy business quite extensively and successfully, the product of the dairy finding a ready sale on the market. He has other business interests also, being a stockholder in the German National Bank of Ripon and in the Badger Farmers Company of Ripon.

In 1870 James Lewis Cole was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Reynolds, a daughter of Edwin and Dorcas (Dame) Reynolds, both of whom were natives of Vermont and of English descent. Mrs. Cole's grandfather on the maternal side was a Quaker. Her parents came to Wisconsin in 1851, settling in Fond du Lac county, where her father took up the occupation of farming although he was a shipbuilder by trade. He remained at that place until ten years prior to his death, when he retired from active business and removed to Brandon. He was a prominent factor in local politics, serving as justice of the peace, and also as township assessor for several years. Both he and his wife died in January, 1901. Mrs. Cole was born in Vermont, January 27, 1850, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children. Dora Belle, born September 27, 1871, is the wife of Delbert Hamley, an automobile agent at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Sarah, born December 29, 1874, is the widow of William Ferber, of Newcastle, Wisconsin. Hiram, born January 14, 1879, is living on the old home place. He was married in 1901 to

Miss Mary Graham, of Brandon, Wisconsin, and they have three children: Marion, born January 8, 1903; James, born December 7, 1904; and Robert, born October 15, 1911.

In politics Mr. Cole votes independently. He has never been an office seeker. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church and govern their lives accordingly. They are highly esteemed wherever known and most of all where best known. They have both practically been lifelong residents of Fond du Lac county and the estimable qualities which they have displayed in business, social and church relations have gained for them a place among the representative citizens of their community.

ERNEST F. LERCH.

Ernest F. Lerch is the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of land located on section 34, Byron township, where he is engaging in diversified farming and stock-raising. His birth occurred in Lomira, Dodge county, this state, on the 26th of August, 1866, his parents being Philip J. and Pauline (Bodamer) Lerch, who are mentioned at greater length elsewhere in this work. Their family numbered three, our subject being the eldest son and second in order of birth.

In the acquirement of his early education, Ernest F. Lerch attended school in district No. 10 of Dodge township, this course being supplemented by two years study in the high school at Mayville. At the age of twenty years he laid aside his text-books and assumed the duties of manhood. Having been reared on a farm, he was familiar with the various operations connected with the tilling of the fields and care of the crops and has ever since directed his energies along agricultural lines. He was associated with his father until the latter's retirement in 1895, since which time he has continued alone. As he is diligent and enterprising and directs his undertakings along well defined lines he is prospering. His farm is comprised of two hundred and twenty acres, the greater portion of which is in a high state of productivity, while his buildings are substantially constructed and in good condition. He is a man of practical methods and progressive ideas as is evidenced by his excellent equipment and the many modern conveniences and labor-saving devices installed about his premises. In connection with diversified farming he engages in stock-raising and has twenty-eight head of cattle and eight horses.

At Lomira, Dodge county, on the 5th of November, 1891, Mr. Lerch was married to Miss Emma Kimmel, a daughter of Frederick and Mary Kimmel. The parents are well known pioneers of that county, where for fifty-four years the father was identified with the building interests, being a mason and carpenter contractor. He is now living retired at the venerable age of eighty-one years, while the mother is seventy-seven. They are both natives of Germany, his birth having occurred in Wurtemberg on the 7th of February, 1831, and the mother's in Darmstadt, Hessen, on the 1st of September, 1835. He came to America in 1854, and his future wife the year following, and they were married in Wisconsin on the 23d of June, 1859. Nine children were born to them, six of whom are living, as follows: Mrs. Charles Maass, of Hartford; Mrs. William Birk of Chicago; Mrs. Ernest F. Lerch; Mrs. Philip J. Lerch, Jr., of Byron; and Walter and Frederick, who are living on the old family homestead. In 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel celebrated their golden wedding. The most notable feature of the event was their mode of travel to and from the church, which marked the full lapse of time from their marriage day to their fiftieth anniversary. They went to church in a lumber wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen, which had been trained for the occasion by their grandsons,

Walter and Ernest Lerch, this having been the usual method of traveling in the rural sections of Wisconsin when they located here. Their return home, however, was made in approved modern style by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Lerch have two sons, Walter J. F. and Ernest C. The family are Lutherans in faith and hold membership in the church of that denomination at Brownsville, Dodge county. Mr. Lerch votes the republican ticket and has several times been called to public office, having served as township clerk for seven years and as road supervisor for six, while he was census enumerator in 1900. He is a man of progressive spirit and has been identified with various local enterprises. He is a stockholder in the Oakfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company and was a member of its board of directors for nine years, having held this office until 1907, and he also owns stock in the Brownsville State Bank. He is very proud of his farm, which is endeared to him by the associations of many years, being a portion of the old family homestead, and each year witnesses its further improvement. Mr. Lerch is numbered among the foremost citizens of his community toward the progress and development of which he and his family have actively contributed for many years.

JAMES CHAFFIN.

We are apt to give prominence to the careers of men who have been successful in an energetic and conspicuous way at the expense of those who have lived their lives quietly and peacefully, always working for good and worthy causes in an unassuming manner. James Chaffin, who died on a farm near Ripon, June 17, 1891, was a man who during a comparatively quiet and inconspicuous life did much to promote the growth of this section of the country and to contribute toward its prosperity and wealth. He was born June 4, 1831, in Wheeling, Virginia, and was a son of L. and Elizabeth (Hoover) Chaffin, both residents of that city. James Chaffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Chaffin were the parents of six children: Elizabeth D., who died at the age of nine years; John, Adam, Joseph, James, and Aaron, all of whom are now deceased.

James Chaffin came from Wheeling, Virginia, to Ohio when he was only one year old and received his early education in the public schools of that state. He learned the carpenter's trade and at the age of eighteen years left Ohio for Wisconsin where he settled in Berlin, about the year 1850. Here he engaged in farming and carpentering for some time but later removed to California where he spent three years in the gold mines. He returned to Wisconsin at the expiration of that time and bought one hundred and sixty acres of rich farm land three miles north of Ripon. Here he lived, giving his entire time and attention to the improvement and cultivation of the soil for twenty years. During that time he built up a model farm which he operated intelligently and scientifically. He was successful in this line of activity and after twenty years of practical farming upon his holdings near Ripon he sold his land and purchased eight hundred acres of the Corliss estate and another forty acre tract, making in all eight hundred and forty acres. He lived upon this farm and was personally active in its development until June 17, 1891, at which time his death occurred.

On November 12, 1860, James Chaffin was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Morse, a daughter of Louis and Lucy Morse, natives of Canada who came to Denmark, Lewis county, New York, where the daughter was born, June 26, 1844. Beside their daughter Amelia, Mr. and Mrs. Morse were the parents of seven children: Lewis, Aurelia, Sophia, Mary, Selina, Alexander and Albert.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin were born five children: James Hezekiah, whose wife died February 2, 1912, leaving him four children, Herbert, Genevieve, Clarence and James; Henry L., who is the father of three children, Nellie, Pearl and Roy; Sherman; Sadie A., who married David E. Fuller, of Ripon township, Wisconsin, by whom she has six children, Fern, Helen, Lois, David C., Sherman H. and Dorothy; and Aaron, who is the father of two children, Louis and Lee.

Mr. Chaffin gave his allegiance to the democratic party and was always active in political affairs. He held the position of county supervisor for some time and also served as county clerk. His work in public affairs was distinguished by a strict honesty and an intelligent interest in the welfare of the people he served. He was active in religious circles and was a member of the Universalist church. He led a quiet, honorable and dignified life always doing the work which was at hand to do, striving to attain success, yet never failing to help a fellow traveler along the road.

MARQUIS D. MOORE.

The business record of Marquis D. Moore is one which reflected credit upon the community in which he lived, and illustrates most forcibly what can be accomplished by steady application, industry and economy, as combined with integrity and honesty of purpose. It proves that neither wealth, nor social position, nor the assistance of influential friends, is necessary for advancement to an honorable and useful position; it proves that if a young man has ambition and strength of character, he can overcome the disadvantages of early poverty and can climb to more exalted heights than may be attained by those who in childhood were surrounded by all the pampering influences that wealth can bestow. He aimed to follow the "Golden Rule" so that his path was never strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes. The excellence of his product and his honorable dealings were the salient features in the success that placed him in the foremost rank among the business men of the northwest.

Mr. Moore was a native of Massachusetts born in Hampden county, July 15, 1825. His parents were Warham and Lucretia (Bosworth) Moore. His paternal grandfather was connected with the early settlement of Montgomery, Massachusetts. His mother was a daughter of Captain Bosworth, an officer in the War of 1812.

Marquis D. Moore was only five years of age at the time of his mother's death after which he made his home with an aunt at Martinsburg, New York, remaining there and attending the common schools until the age of sixteen, when he returned to Massachusetts and made arrangements for a home for himself with a man by the name of Rufus Strong, of Southampton, until he had attained his majority. He was to assist Mr. Strong in farming and lumbering for his board, and schooling in the winter, and \$200.00 when he became of age. Thus his boyhood and early manhood was passed. When he reached man's estate he began to work at the carpenter trade but could secure employment along that line only in the summer months. Determined to have work during the entire year, he planned his winter's occupation in the summer and therefore was able to carry out his determination. He purchased a piece of timber land and in the winter cut timber and cordwood for the market. He also was employed as a cabinet worker in an organ factory at Westfield, Massachusetts. He was both industrious and economical and made it a rule to save part of his income each year, so when the opportunity presented itself he was enabled to enter into business on his own account. He embarked in the millinery and fancy dry-goods business in Westfield, Massachusetts and continued it successfully for about ten years.

In 1864 he disposed of his business and came west locating at Fond du Lac and purchasing a half interest in a sawmill which had just been erected by C. E. Crane. About three years later he bought out the other half interest becoming sole proprietor. Upon the incorporation of the Moore & Galloway Lumber Company Limited, in 1884, Mr. Moore was elected president of the company which office he retained up to the time of his death on the 14th of December, 1903, at the age of seventy-eight years. This company was capitalized for two hundred and thirty thousand dollars and is one of the firms that still have timber holdings, cutting its stock and manufacturing large quantities of sash, doors, blinds and lumber of every kind which are shipped to Chicago and other markets. The company owns the three original mill sites of Sexmith & Davis, Galloway & Hunter and M. D. Moore & Company. In June, 1888, the firm was visited by a disastrous fire just as the milling season was at its height. The company then purchased the mill previously operated by C. J. L. Meyer, adding this to their already extensive business and continuing successfully until fire visited them again and destroyed the Meyer plant on September 22, 1895. The company then erected a new sawmill on the original site of the C. E. Crane mill which is equipped with the most modern machinery. Unlike the majority of manufacturers in their line, this company employs no traveling salesmen, for the excellent reputation of their product is sufficient guaranty to insure them a most liberal patronage.

As one of the pioneer lumbermen of the Wolf river valley, Mr. Moore was widely known and uniformly respected as a reliable and conservative business man and one who strove most unselfishly to advance the community in which he lived for many years.

In 1853 Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss S. Elida Thatcher of Keene, New Hampshire, where she was born September 27, 1830. Her paternal grandfather, Benjamin Thatcher, was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Moore became the parents of four children, Minnie E., Henry W., Edwin M., and Fred M. The sons are all interested in the milling business and are practical lumbermen continuing their father's business. Politically Mr. Moore was ever a strong and zealous republican. He never sought political preferment but was deeply interested as a citizen in the welfare of his party. For over fifty years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and devoted much of his time and attention to its interests. He gave generously to its support and labored earnestly for its welfare and the extension of its influence. At one time he was president of the board of church extension for the Wisconsin conference, and in 1884 was its representative at the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in Philadelphia. Mr. Moore always took a deep interest in educational matters and as a member of the school board, of which he was president two years and exerted for many years a good influence in behalf of the public schools of the city.

Mr. Moore attained his position entirely through his own exertions. By personal attention to business, steady application, economy and a just regard for the rights of others—doing to others as he would be done by and making his word as good as his bond—he accumulated a fortune and was a most illustrious type of a self-made man.

WILLIAM GUELZOW.

William Guelzow is a native of Germany and made his home in that country until thirty-three years of age. His life as an agriculturist in Wisconsin, which dates from 1894, when he purchased land, is an exemplification of the force of his national sturdy and vital characteristics enhanced by American conditions.

He has been successful as a general farmer and his one hundred acres are highly improved and in good condition. His farm is situated in Byron township and is one of the attractive and model properties of Fond du Lac county. Mr. Guelzow was born in Germany, August 20, 1847, and is the son of Charles and Mary (Harker) Guelzow, both of whom were born in the fatherland. The father's birth occurred in 1803. He was a laborer in Germany and died in that country in 1869. His wife passed away some years afterward. To their union were born seven children: Mary, the widow of William Stick, a farmer in Germany; Minnie, who became the wife of Christ Breezow, also a native of Germany but now following farming in Illinois; John M., who married Miss Ida Koop, of Germany, and who died in 1870; Fredericka, who married Fred Bruhn, of Milwaukee; Caroline, who became the wife of Christ Harker; Augusta, who married Charles Williams, a native of Germany and who is now farming in Buffalo county, Wisconsin; and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Guelzow spent his early life helping his father. He went to school in his native country and remained at home until he was twenty years of age. At that time he enlisted in the regular army and served for four years, during which time his father died. After this event Mr. Guelzow started in life for himself, farming in his native country until 1880. In that year he crossed the Atlantic to America, locating in Milwaukee, where he worked as a foundry molder for fourteen years. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred acres of land in Byron township, which he is cultivating. He has improved his farm, built new barns and outbuildings and has made it one of the most completely equipped and intelligently managed enterprises in the district. He has attained success and his success is founded on intelligent labor and scientific efficiency.

In Germany, on September 19, 1874, Mr. Guelzow was united in marriage to Miss Fredericka Guelzow, also a native of the fatherland. Her mother died in 1888, having long survived her husband, who passed away in 1860. To Mr. and Mrs. Guelzow were born seven children: Herman, a baker in Portland, Oregon; William, Jr., who resides at home; Minnie, who married Henry Schuster, a farmer in Washington county; and August, Richard, Ferdinand and Emil, all of whom reside at home.

In politics Mr. Guelzow is a consistent republican and served for ten years as road superintendent. He affiliates with the Lutheran church and is highly esteemed in the community in which he resides. He has been a force in local agricultural development and his success has been a factor in the general prosperity. He possesses those qualities of steady and concentrated purpose, sturdy efficiency and keen intelligence which America welcomes so eagerly in her adopted citizens.

BENJAMIN WILD.

Benjamin Wild is the secretary and treasurer of the O'Brien Dry Goods Company, one of the high-grade merchandising establishments of Fond du Lac. His residence is located at No. 180 East Division street in that city. He was born in Milwaukee, November 13, 1855, and is the son of Benjamin and Eliza (Bonell) Wild, of whom a sketch is published elsewhere in this work. At the age of four years he removed with his father's family to Fond du Lac and here he has since continued to reside. He was reared at home and educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac and in the St. Paul's Cathedral school. After laying aside his text-books he was associated with his father in a candy and bakery establishment in Fond du Lac and continued to be so engaged until that concern was merged into the National Biscuit Company. He later purchased

an interest in the O'Brien dry-goods establishment and to the interest of this business he has since given his undivided attention.

Benjamin Wild was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide E. Jewell, on the 27th of May, 1880. She is the daughter of Rev. F. S. Jewell, D. D. (now deceased), who was a native of Missouri, and Mrs. Julia (Chapin) Jewell, who was a native of the east. Mrs. Benjamin Wild is a native of New York, her birth having occurred in Albany of that state. To Mr. and Mrs. Wild two children have been born: Mabel E. and Edith J., both of whom are at home with their parents.

Mr. Wild is a member of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. of P., and also of the Uniform Rank of that fraternity. In politics he is independent, giving his suffrage to the man and the measure which in his judgment represent the best interests of the people. He has served as a member of the city council for two terms and has been a member of the park board for the past twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Wild are both members of St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city.

Benjamin Wild by his long years of uninterrupted devotion to business is justly entitled to be numbered among the influential and successful business men of this part of Wisconsin. He is a man of great energy and safe and conservative business practice. His influence and help is available whenever any measure of a public nature is brought up affecting the social, business and educational advancement of the people of his county.

FRED KRAUSE.

Fred Krause was the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Metomen township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, which he acquired in a course of a long life spent in agriculture. It is one of the highly improved and developed farms of the district, and its excellent condition is entirely the product of Mr. Krause's energy and enterprise. He has now abandoned his personal identification with the labors of the field and is living retired in the village of Brandon. He was born in Pommern, Germany, May 20, 1846, and was a son of David and Mary (Haase) Krause, both natives of the fatherland. David Krause was born in 1813 and spent his life in Germany as a shepherd. He came to the United States about the year 1881, and until the time of his death made his home with our subject. He passed away in Metomen township, Fond du Lac county, in 1902. His wife, whose birth occurred in 1823, came to America with her husband and died in 1889.

Fred Krause was educated in the public schools of his native country and spent his childhood and early manhood in Germany. He came to the United States in 1872, locating first in Metomen township, Fond du Lac county, where he worked at various occupations, accepting any employment which would add to his income. After three years of this life he had acquired sufficient capital to rent a farm, and upon this property he remained for fourteen years, operating it intelligently and successfully. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in the same section and began its cultivation. He made various improvements, added to the barns and outbuildings and carried on farming along the most progressive and modern lines, planting his fields in the most suitable grain. From time to time he made other purchases of land until his farm comprised three hundred and twenty acres, excellently cultivated and intelligently developed. He remained upon this property until the fall of 1902, when he retired and removed to the village of Brandon. During his active agricultural life he was one of the prominent and representative farmers of his district. Aside from his general activities along this line he specialized in the

breeding and raising of high-grade stock for the market. His enterprise constantly increased in size as his soil grew more productive, and during one year he threshed over six thousand bushels of grain. He kept a dairy and had twenty-four cows for this purpose. Since taking up his residence in Brandon he has become actively interested in the growth and welfare of that village. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company and a willing promoter of any movement looking toward further progress and expansion.

On the 17th of September, 1872, Mr. Krause was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Karow, a daughter of George Karow, a native of Germany. Mrs. Krause's mother died in the old country, and after her demise her husband came to America, settling in Minnesota, where he made his home with his children until his death. Mrs. Krause was born in Germany on July 16, 1845, and died in the village of Brandon, Fond du Lac county, on the 7th of May, 1912. She and her husband became the parents of four children: Eda born March 28, 1874, who is the wife of Richard Greenwalt, a farmer in Fond du Lac county; Herman, born September 17, 1877, in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, who is engaged in agriculture in Metomen township; Emma, whose birth occurred on the 29th of February, 1880, and who is at home; and August, born July 11, 1881, in Fond du Lac county, and who is farming in Metomen township.

In his political views Mr. Krause is a consistent republican and served for six years as a member of the board of supervisors of Metomen township. He affiliates with the Lutheran church of Brandon. He is now living retired, but his long and active agricultural career has established him among the men who, by careful and expert management of a private enterprise, have added to the resources of the community.

WILLIAM FREDRICH BRUETT.

William Fredrich Bruett, a concrete contractor of Fond du Lac, has been engaged in business along that line for the past nine years and is also the proprietor of a plant, manufacturing concrete blocks. His birth occurred in Fond du Lac on the 15th of July, 1875, his parents being Andrew H. and Mary F. (Gromme) Bruett. The father was born in Germany in 1833, while the mother's birth occurred in Lancaster, Ohio, in 1839. Andrew H. Bruett came to Wisconsin in 1853 and took up his abode in Fond du Lac. For a period of thirty years he was successfully engaged in business as a merchant and general furniture salesman. His wife, who came to Fond du Lac in 1849, with her parents, is one of the well known and highly esteemed pioneer women of the city. A. H. Bruett married Mary F. Gromme in 1854 in Fond du Lac. Unto them were born eleven children, eight of whom are still living. Andrew H., Jr., a resident of Milwaukee, wedded Miss Regina Keyser, of Fond du Lac, and has six children: Joseph, Arthur, William, Paula, Norma and Erma. Tillman, who also lives in Milwaukee, married Miss Julia Abel, of Fond du Lac, and has two children, Elmer and Thusnelda. Henry is a widower and makes his home in Fond du Lac. Theodore, a resident of Rhineland, Wisconsin, married Miss Flora Gehde, of Antigo, Wisconsin, by whom he has three children: William, Norma and Fredericka. William F., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Henrietta gave her hand in marriage to Paul Kummerow, a wholesale liquor merchant of Fond du Lac, and is now the mother of three children: Paul, Jr., Andrew and Tillman. Emily became the wife of Philip Theaubaville, of Milwaukee, who is a machinist. Erna is the wife of Reine Rush, of Milwaukee, a conductor on the Soo Line and has two children, Frieda and Victor C., living in Fond du Lac. Andrew H. Bruett died in 1908 at the age of seventy-four years and eight months, while his widow survives.

William Fredrich Bruett attended school at the German English academy of Fond du Lac until seventeen years of age and then went north, being employed in his brother's lumber mill and in the lumber woods for one year. Subsequently he spent four years as baggage master in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company and then served for three years as sidewalk inspector for Fond du Lac. In 1903 he embarked in the concrete construction business on his own account and in this line of work has enjoyed continued success to the present time. He is also engaged in the manufacture of a concrete block that has come into general use as its merit has been proven and has become known.

On the 5th of March, 1908, Mr. Bruett was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Tilsner, a daughter of Dr. H. L. Tilsner, of Milwaukee. They have two children, Virginia F. and Harold P.

In politics Mr. Bruett is a progressive republican and is widely recognized as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen. He enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company E, Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Milwaukee in April, 1898. He went south with his regiment and also to Porto Rico, and served until the close of hostilities, making a most creditable record as a soldier. He belongs to the United Spanish War Veterans, the Business Men's Association, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Turn Verein. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Paul's Catholic church. He is proud of the fact that he was a member of the Company E basket ball team which in 1904 won the championship of America by defeating such teams as Yale and Cincinnati and in fact all the most prominent basket ball teams of the country. He is yet a young man but has attained success that many an older man might well envy. Practically his entire life has been spent in the city of his nativity and the improvement of his opportunities, combined with his unassailable business integrity, has constituted the source of that prosperity which has come to him.

WILLIAM B. INGLIS.

For over forty years William B. Inglis has been a resident of Fond du Lac county and by successful, prosperous and progressive agriculture has added to the wealth of the section in its resources and to the standards and quality of its citizenship. He is now living retired in Brandon after an active and useful life. He was born in Ashkirk, Scotland, October 15, 1847, and is the son of William and Isabelle (Glendinning) Inglis, both natives of that country. The father was a farmer and followed that occupation in Scotland, where he died in 1880. His wife's death had occurred long before, in 1865. To their union were born six children but the subject of this sketch was the only one who came to the United States.

William B. Inglis remained with his father, aiding him in the work of the farm until he was twenty-four years of age. In coming to America he was influenced by accounts of the rich opportunities and advantages to be met with in the new world. He arrived in this country in 1871, having made the journey alone. He located first in Canada and later in Waupun, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where for some time he worked as a farm laborer. He was ambitious and energetic and saved his money until he was able to purchase eighty acres in Metomen township, which he cultivated and brought to a highly developed state. He sold this property in 1890 and located in the village of Brandon, where he is now residing.

In 1873 Mr. Inglis was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Hopkins, whose parents were natives of England. They came to the United States at an early

day, locating in Waupun, where the father died. He was survived by his wife, who passed away about 1897. To Mr. and Mrs. Inglis have been born seven children: Elizabeth, the wife of Lewis Kurth, a bookkeeper for the Lewiston Land & Orchard Company of Lewiston, Idaho; William, a conductor in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company with headquarters at Spokane, Washington; John, who is following agriculture in Lewiston, Idaho; Isabelle, the wife of Ernest Merrels, an engineer of Portage, Wisconsin; Andrew, a conductor in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, of Portage; Ella, who holds the position of stenographer for the Lewiston Land & Orchard Company, of Lewiston, Idaho, and who is a graduate of the Brandon high school and the Badger College at Milwaukee; and David, who is in business in Waupun.

In his political affiliations Mr. Inglis is a consistent democrat but is not active in public life. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church of Brandon. For many years he was widely known as an enterprising and representative agriculturist who maintained a policy in his business dealings which was above reproach and a standard of agriculture which has brought him honorable and gratifying prosperity.

JOHN F. LINER.

John F. Liner, one of the well known agriculturists of Springvale township, is the owner of a valuable and productive farm of eighty-three acres on section 31 and in its operation has won a gratifying measure of success. His birth occurred on the home farm in Waupun township, Fond du Lac county, on the 30th of June, 1866, his parents being Patrick and Bridget (Riley) Liner, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of James P. Liner, a brother of our subject. In the acquirement of an education John F. Liner attended district school No. 4 and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the work of the home farm. After attaining his majority he operated the place on shares in association with his brother Henry for a period of four years. He was married at the age of thirty-four years and established his home on the farm of eighty-three acres which has since been his place of residence and which was given him by his father. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, also raises stock to some extent and has a dairy herd of high-grade Durham cows. Mr. Liner is a stockholder of the Farmers Elevator Company of Brandon and assisted in its organization. His undertakings have been attended with excellent results, for he is a man of untiring energy and perseverance as well as good business ability.

On the 3d of June, 1900, Mr. Liner was united in marriage to Miss Katie Bastick, a daughter of John and Mary Bastick, who were born in Ireland and still reside in that country. The father was for years employed as clerk in a store and also acted as overseer of a logging camp in the lumber regions of the Emerald isle. The ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Bastick are as follows: John, James and Patrick, all of whom are residents of Ireland; Mrs. Katie Liner; Margaret, the wife of John Rooney, a postoffice employe of New York city; Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to John Glazel, a bricklayer of New York city; Annie, the wife of Mark Pettit, a plumber of Rice Lake, Wisconsin; and Bridget, Ellen and Jennie, all in Ireland. In 1884 Katie Bastick crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in New York city, where she made her home for a period of sixteen years. It was while visiting relatives in the eastern metropolis that John F. Liner met, wooed and won her. They are now the parents of four children, namely: John, who was born on the 30th of

April, 1901, and attends district school No. 8 of Springvale township; Mary, whose birth occurred on the 20th of May, 1903, and who attends that school; Josephine, born September 28, 1904, who is also a student in district school No. 8; and Lester, who was born on the 10th of November, 1906, and is likewise in school.

At the polls Mr. Liner supports the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He is a devoted communicant of the Roman Catholic church of Springvale township, to which his wife and children also belong. In the community where his entire life has been spent he is well known and highly esteemed as a progressive agriculturist and respected citizen.

JOHN A. BEYERS.

John A. Beyers is now living in the village of Brandon, in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. For many years he was prominently identified with farming in its modern and progressive aspects and in his operation of a fine tract of land, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, in Alto township did active work in scientific agriculture. Mr. Beyers was born in Fond du Lac county, on April 13, 1861, and is a son of John H. and Henrietta (Te Brake) Beyers, both natives of Holland. His father was born on the 13th of July, 1837, and came to the United States when he was fourteen years of age. He located first in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he learned the carpenter's trade, and for five years followed that industry. He came to Fond du Lac county at the end of that time, locating in Alto township, where he engaged in his chosen occupation for a short time. He later bought eighty acres of land and farmed for a number of years. In 1886 he removed to Nobles county, Minnesota, and purchased three hundred and twenty acres, upon which he is still residing. While a resident of Fond du Lac county, he was active as an agriculturist and intelligently interested in public affairs. As treasurer of his township he did efficient and progressive work for four years. The mother of our subject was born in The Netherlands, on February 11, 1836, and came to America with her parents when she was only seven years of age. They located in Milwaukee and here both her mother and father died. The parents of our subject were married in June, 1860, and to their union were born four children: John A., the subject of this sketch; Abram, a farmer in Nobles county, Minnesota; Minnie, the wife of Lewis Dagerman, a farmer living in Nobles county; and Hattie, the wife of Edward Vanderbush, who follows agriculture in the same section.

John A. Beyers was reared at home and was educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac county. He learned the carpenter's trade under his father's supervision and worked at it until his marriage in 1894. In that year he bought fifty acres in Alto township, to which he added from time to time until he is now the proprietor of one hundred and sixty acres of the most fertile and productive land in the section. For twelve years he was successful in general farming and brought his land to a high state of improvement and development. He added stock-raising to his activities and raised high-grade horses and cattle for the market. He operated a sanitary and modern dairy, keeping a herd of twenty-three cows for this purpose. He sold his product to the Alto Dairy at Waupun, Wisconsin, of which enterprise he is now a stockholder.

In 1906 Mr. Beyers moved to Brandon, although he still retains ownership of his farm. He located in the village of Brandon, where he is now interested in many local enterprises. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator and is extensively interested in the East Alto Telephone Company. He has also invested in the Farmers Elevator at Waupun and is a man of varied and effective interests.

In 1894, Mr. Beyers was united in marriage to Miss Ella Bruins, a daughter of Andrew and Ellen (Glewen) Bruins, both natives of Gelderland, Holland, where the father was born on December 3, 1827. He came to the United States when he was a youth of eighteen and located in Alto township, Fond du Lac county, where he took up eighty acres of government land. He was successful in agriculture but in 1868 rented his original property and removed to another farm, comprising one hundred and twenty acres. He added to his holdings from time to time and carried on his agriculture along the most progressive and modern lines. At the time of his death he owned over seven hundred acres, all of which was under cultivation and highly improved. He died at Mackford, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, on December 14, 1904. Mrs. Beyers' mother came to the United States when she was a young woman, locating first in Chicago and later coming to Alto township, Fond du Lac county. Her marriage occurred on October 21, 1851, and to this union were born seven children: Henrietta, the wife of William Lemmenes, a farmer of Alto township; Henry, who is engaged in agriculture in Metomen township; John and Anna, deceased; Mina, the wife of Albert Lemmenes; Ella, the wife of our subject; and Andrew, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Waupun, Wisconsin. Mrs. Beyers' mother died on October 19, 1902, in Fond du Lac county. Our subject and his wife became the parents of six children: Alice Henrietta, born November 2, 1895, who is now attending the high school and is living at home; Hazel Annice, whose birth occurred on the 27th of February, 1897; Elton John, born September 13, 1899; Harrison Lee whose natal day was April 17, 1901; Evelyn Ruth, born July 2, 1907; and Junice Alberta, who was born July 12, 1910, and passed away on the 20th of March, 1912.

In his political affiliations Mr. Beyers is a loyal member of the republican party and takes an intelligent interest in local affairs, although he is not personally active in politics. He is a member of the Dutch Reformed church of Alto and to this faith his wife also gives her allegiance. He possesses keen intelligence, which during his active years directed his agriculture to the accomplishment of his ambition along this line, and a steadfastness and a singleness of purpose which found their reward in his unqualified success. He is distinctively a representative citizen of Fond du Lac county and a native son whose life record is a credit to his community.

FRED G. STROUP.

Fred G. Stroup is now engaged in the cultivation of three hundred acres of rich Wisconsin land which he occupies and is specializing in the breeding of high-grade cattle and horses. He was born on the 16th of April, 1878, in the township of Byron, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and is a son of Uriah and Medora (Treleven) Stroup. His father was a native of New York state where his birth occurred on the 5th of February, 1831. He came to Wisconsin with his parents when he was fifteen years of age and settled in Dane county where he remained for three years. At the end of that time he came to Dodge county and made his home in that section for fourteen years. He spent three years in Lamartine, Fond du Lac county, and from there came to Byron township in 1866. He was active in the operation of his farm of four hundred and forty acres until his death on August 21, 1911. His wife was born May 15, 1855, and is a daughter of Joseph D. Treleven, the original owner of the family homestead. To their union were born seven children: Francis N., who lived in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Lorabelle, who died in childhood; Fred G., the subject of this sketch; Marabelle, who has passed away; Marian, who makes her home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Everard U., who died in 1911; and Sarah Helen, who passed away when she was one year old.

Fred G. Stroup received his education in the district schools of Byron township and also attended the local high school. He later entered the Fond du Lac high school where he pursued his studies until he was eighteen years of age. He spent two years following his graduation assisting his father in the work of the farm and then started in active life for himself. He rented a four hundred and forty acre farm and worked it on shares for ten years and has since been engaged principally in the breeding and selling of high-grade stock. He now has seventy-five head of cattle and twenty horses and is known throughout Fond du Lac county as an expert in this line of activity.

On March 23, 1909, Mr. Stroup was united in marriage to Mrs. Frone H. (Thorpe) Butler, a daughter of William G. and Clara Thorpe, of Fond du Lac. Mrs. Stroup was before her marriage to Mr. Stroup the widow of Mark S. Butler, who was during his life a telegraph operator in Byron township where his father has lived for the past sixty years. By her former marriage Mrs. Stroup has three children: Harriett E., Clarabelle A., and Sarah A. To Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Stroup has been born one child, Helen Elizabeth.

Politically Mr. Stroup gives his allegiance to the republican party and is actively interested in the affairs of his district. He has served with great success as road supervisor. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is a prominent figure in its affairs. He is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Byron township and is well known in that district as a man who can be relied upon to cooperate in any movement looking toward its future development.

AUGUST BORCHARDT.

August Borchardt, who successfully operates a tract of eighty-five acres on section 23, Springvale township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, was born on August 12, 1876, in Montpelier township, Kewaunee county, Wisconsin. He is a son of Herman and Amelia (Thurow) Borchardt, both natives of Germany, a more extended mention of whom is made in another part of this volume.

August Borchardt was educated in the English and German schools of Kewaunee county, Wisconsin, and when he was seventeen years of age came to Fond du Lac county and worked on a farm in Waupun. He later came to Springvale township and was employed in the same capacity until 1900 when he established himself as an independent agriculturist, buying his present tract of land comprising eighty-five acres on section 23. He moved upon his holdings almost immediately afterward and began the cultivation of his land along modern lines. He has succeeded in bringing his enterprise to a flourishing and prosperous condition. He specializes in the raising and breeding of high-grade stock and operates a sanitary and model dairy, keeping a herd of twelve cows for this purpose. He has his land in excellent condition and has made needed improvements from time to time.

August Borchardt married Miss Matilda Schmidt, a daughter of August and Amelia (Berger) Schmidt, both natives of Germany where they now reside, and where the father follows the occupation of laborer. Mrs. Borchardt is one of five children born to her parents, the others being William, Wanda, Minnie and Martha. She was born in Germany and came to America in 1900, settling in Brandon, Wisconsin, where she married. To Mr. and Mrs. Borchardt have been born five children: Elsie, whose birth occurred on February 17, 1901, and who is now attending school in district No. 1, Springvale township; William, born January 30, 1903, also attending school; August, whose birth occurred on the 15th of June, 1904, and who is a student in the public schools; Arthur, born September 4, 1907; and Dorothy, whose natal day was February 5, 1909.

In his political views August Borchardt is consistently republican and he is well informed upon public questions although he is not an office seeker. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Brandon, and one of the well known and successful farmers of Springvale township. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church of Rosendale. Mr. Borchardt is a representative of one of the principal industries of Wisconsin, and his career has been distinguished by an intelligent grasp of local conditions and an expert knowledge of agriculture, controlled and directed by good business ability which has made his prosperity a valuable asset of the public resources.

WILLIAM H. WARNER.

William H. Warner, general farmer, stock-raiser and dairyman, is one of the most enterprising and prosperous citizens of Fond du Lac county. His life in its various activities has always been connected with representative industries, all of which have contributed to make him today an expert in his special lines. His father was a pioneer in Wisconsin's settlement and he himself grew up on a farm. He later herded cattle through Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, has been an independent dealer in graded stock and is now making this experience useful in the operation of two hundred acres of land on section 15, Springvale township. Mr. Warner was born in Byron township, July 20, 1855, and is a son of William S. and Hannah (Kregg) Warner, natives of Ohio. The father was of New England stock and came to Wisconsin in the early '40s, settling in Fond du Lac county at a time when there was but one house in the section. The nearest gristmill was located at Milwaukee and he was obliged to make the necessary journeys to that city with ox teams, bringing back grist for the whole neighborhood. Upon his first arrival in the county he took up a preemption claim of one hundred and sixty acres and upon this he carried on successful general farming for ten or fifteen years. He subsequently purchased ninety-seven acres in Lamartine township and after twenty-five years of activity, during which he gained prosperity as a general farmer, he retired from active life and moved to the city of Fond du Lac. He afterward traded his town property for some land just outside the city limits and then moved upon this and there resided until his death. His wife was of Scotch ancestry and came to Byron township at an early date. She died in 1859. The father of our subject was not only a pioneer in the settlement of Wisconsin, but was also all during his life a progressive, enterprising and worthy man. He was interested in the growth of the section which he had seen develop from an unorganized community and for several years was chairman of Lamartine township. He was a member of the Fond du Lac county board for two terms and represented his district in the Wisconsin general assembly at different times. His political career was marked by the same sturdy qualities of conscientiousness and integrity of purpose which made his agricultural enterprise so successful and his private life honorable and worthy.

William H. Warner attended the district schools of Byron township and pursued his studies until he was sixteen years of age. At an early date he determined to gain his own livelihood and in pursuance of this purpose went to Brown county, where he obtained work in the pineries. He was active as a lumberman for fourteen years, returning to Lamartine township at the end of that time and renting a tract of land which he cultivated and improved for one year. At the end of that time he went to Lincoln county, Wisconsin, where he took up a homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres, returning to his father's farm after seven years of successful identification with general farming in that section. Two years later he went west and obtained a position herding

cattle on the Nelson Morris property, one of the largest cattle ranches in the United States. He herded through Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah and was engaged in this line of activity for five years, gaining during that time invaluable personal experience with the different phases of stock-breeding, herding and raising. He also obtained a knowledge of practical business methods and standards of operation which has influenced his activities since that time. He came at the end of five years to Fond du Lac county, where he started an independent business of his own, operating a sales stable. This he continued for two years, at the end of which time he moved upon a farm in Springvale township, comprising two hundred acres belonging to his wife. Here he has remained since that time carrying on general farming. He has been successful because he has always adhered to practical and systematic methods. He makes a specialty of stock-raising and his expert personal knowledge and experience are factors in his prosperity, while his dairy, always clean and sanitary, is an important branch of his enterprise. He keeps for this purpose a fine herd of graded Holstein cows and his dairy products find a ready sale upon the market.

Mr. Warner has been twice married. His first union was with Miss Cornelia Soles, a daughter of William and Anna (Northrup) Soles, of Lamartine township. To this union were born four children: Nathaniel, who is engaged in farming on the home place; Walter, who is deceased; Norris, who is engaged in the cement business in Fond du Lac; and Nettie, the wife of Earl Cox, a farmer in the same section. Mr. Warner's second marriage occurred in 1898, in which year he wedded Mrs. Maria Ray, a daughter of Henry and Charlotte (Claggett) Blythe. Her father was born in England, December 2, 1813, and came to the United States, settling in Sheboygan county at the time when the old Sheboygan plank road was in course of construction. He teamed in the interests of the builders of this enterprise for a short time, later engaging in the buying and selling of grain. He afterward established a grocery and liquor business of his own, operating it successfully until he went to Eldorado, where he took up farming. He remained there for several years, retiring eventually and moving to Fond du Lac, where he resided until his death, which occurred on January 5, 1906.

Mr. Warner does not affiliate with any political party, preferring to vote according to his personal ethics. When he was a resident of Lincoln county he served two terms as constable with great ability. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Fond du Lac, his only fraternal affiliation. He is an enterprising and progressive farmer, intelligently interested in each new development of agriculture. His property is well equipped, highly cultivated and in excellent condition, the result of his personal supervision.

FRANK BRINKERHOFF.

Frank Brinkerhoff is a native son of Fond du Lac county and his agricultural labors which have ably supplemented his father's work of development have for many years been factors in expansion. He is one of the best known breeders of fancy stock in this section of the state and his one hundred and ninety acres of excellent land are cultivated and improved in a progressive way. Mr. Brinkerhoff was born on the farm where he now lives, on section 29, Springvale township, on March 20, 1849, and is a son of Herman Camp and Clarissa (Cheney) Brinkerhoff, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Vermont. The father of our subject comes of a long line of Holland ancestors. Representatives of his family three hundred years ago came to the Mohawk valley, New York, and the name has been known in that section for centuries. When the father of our subject was thirteen years of age he rode a horse on the



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Erie canal where his father, Isaac Brinkerhoff, owned and operated a line of tow boats. He came to Wisconsin in 1847 and was among the early pioneers in that state. He located on section 29, Springvale township, buying a tract of land under a warrant signed by President James K. Polk, paying one hundred and forty dollars for one hundred and sixty acres. He married in Fond du Lac in 1848 Miss Clarissa Cheney. She was of English ancestry and her brother William Cheney was one of the first white men to settle in Springvale township. They lived upon the farm during the remainder of their lives, with the exception of three years from 1861 to 1864, which they spent in Brandon. Both died upon the farm, the mother in 1884 and the father in 1889.

Frank Brinkerhoff was the only child born to his parents. He was educated in district school No. 5, Springvale township, and in Brandon schools, and later was a student in Cornell College, Iowa. When he laid aside his books he returned home and began an agricultural life which has contributed in no inconsiderable degree to the agricultural development of his section. He managed the home place for some years before his marriage and after that event took complete charge. He is now the owner of one hundred and ninety acres of highly improved and developed land and is widely known as an expert breeder of fancy stock. He raises full-blooded short horn cattle and is one of the most extensive breeders of this kind of stock in the county. He began on a small scale in 1877, purchasing at that time five cows from the herd of Hon. John Wentworth of Chicago and he is still breeding this line of stock. He has added to his activities along this line the raising of high-grade Berkshire hogs and has been thus engaged for thirty-three years. His stock is of the finest and most improved quality and finds a ready sale. A number of years ago he included in his activities the breeding of high-grade Spanish Merino sheep, operating on a small scale but of late years he has specialized in the coarser wool grades, giving his attention to the breeding of Shropshires and Southdowns. He also raises for the market Shetland ponies and this branch of his activities furnishes an important addition to his income. His dairy is one of the largest and finest in Fond du Lac county and it is operated along the most sanitary, progressive and modern lines. He keeps a fine herd of milch cows for this purpose and sells his product readily.

On the 22d of April, 1874, Mr. Brinkerhoff was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Jane Grennell, a daughter of Sylvester H. and Mary (Whetsel) Grennell, the latter a descendant of the family made famous by its representatives who fought in the Indian wars. Mrs. Grennell was born in Ohio and is of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry. Her husband was a native of Rutland county, Vermont, and came from fine old Puritan stock. He was an agriculturist and came to Wisconsin in 1854, locating in Waupun township where he purchased land. He lived upon the one farm for sixty years and died upon his holdings on the 26th of August, 1904, when he was eighty-six years of age. His wife survived him until February 19, 1910, passing away when she was in her ninetyeth year. To their union were born five children: Harvey, who is a resident of Humboldt, Allen county, Kansas; Nancy Jane, the wife of our subject; Ella, who married Ethan Whiting of Waupun township; Minnie, the widow of James Cook, who now makes her home at North Fairfield, Ohio; and Amanda, now Mrs. Heman Eells of Waupun township. To Mr. and Mrs. Brinkerhoff were born seven children: Frank H., a farmer in Waupun township, whose birth occurred on the 23d of August, 1876, and who later married Miss Ida Whiting, by whom he has three children, Ruth, Verna and Maude; Edith, born on the 1st of December, 1878, and who married John Arthur Loop, a farmer of Springvale township, by whom she has one child, Grace; David W., born May 28, 1881, who died on March 3, 1883; Arian, whose birth occurred on the 21st of December, 1883, a graduate of the Brandon high school in 1902, and a student for two years at the Oshkosh Normal School, who is now teaching in the district school No. 3, Springvale township; Mary, whose birth occurred July 18, 1886,

who is living at home; Bessie, born May 4, 1890, who is also with her parents; and Neil, born March 29, 1894, who is assisting his father in the work of the farm.

Frank Brinkerhoff is recognized as one of the important stock-raisers in Fond du Lac county. His success is founded upon the scientific operation of his farm, his personal care and supervision, and his progressive standards which make him successful in his agricultural pursuits.

WILLIAM HENRY MEADE.

William Henry Meade, who follows general farming and stock-raising on section 8, Byron township, is a native of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred in the town of Eden on the 15th of May, 1871. He is a son of Patrick and Catharine (Kernen) Meade, natives of Ireland, the father's birth having there occurred in 1818. The family resided in Eden township until 1873, when they removed to Byron, the father always engaging in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Meade were the parents of six children, of whom our subject is the youngest. In order of birth the others are as follows: Thomas F., whose first wife, Mary Dolan passed away in 1880, following which he married Martha Burns, who died in 1886, leaving a daughter, Eugenia; Mary Ann, who became the wife of Thomas J. Kelley, of Fond du Lac county, by whom she had four children; Charles L., who married Rose A. Dolan, of Byron township, and has become the father of four children; John, who died in 1874; and Andrew, who resides with his brother William. The parents are both deceased, the father having passed away in 1882, and the mother in 1908. They were communicants of the Roman Catholic church.

William Henry Meade was a young child when his parents removed to Byron township, where he pursued his education in the district schools until he was sixteen. His early life was passed in the uneventful routine of the average country youth, much of his time when not in school being spent in the fields. He thus became familiar with practical methods of tilling the land and caring for the crops. For several years after leaving school he worked for his father, but he subsequently went to Fond du Lac and engaged in shipping hay. He met with fair success in this business, which he followed until 1910, when he again turned his attention to farming. Mr. Meade is enterprising and progressive as well as systematic in his methods, and is numbered among the efficient agriculturists and capable business men of his community.

For his wife and helpmate Mr. Meade chose Miss Margaret E. Kelroy, a daughter of Michael and Margaret Kelroy, well known farming people of this vicinity. The father was born in Ireland in 1837, and at the age of seven years was brought to the United States, becoming a citizen of Fond du Lac county, which has since been his home. When he was fourteen he began earning his own living, his first employment being that of cart driver for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. He later engaged in farming, successfully following this vocation for many years, but is now living retired. On the 17th of January, 1862, Mr. Kelroy was married to Miss Margaret Clark, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and to them were born ten children: Mathew, John P., Michael, James H., Mary A., Frances J., Mrs. Meade, William, Sarah A. and Edward C. On the 17th of January last Mr. and Mrs. Kelroy celebrated their golden wedding, all of their children and grandchildren being present at the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Meade have one son, Roland A. The family are all members of the Catholic church, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Catholic Order of Foresters of Eden. He is a republican in his political views, but has never

held a public office. Mr. Meade is widely known in this vicinity, where he has passed a large portion of his life, and has many stanch friends, who accord him the respect he justly merits by reason of his honorable, upright methods of conducting his transactions.

WILLIAM T. MILLER.

William T. Miller is living retired in Ripon after twenty-three years' identification with agricultural pursuits as an active and progressive farmer. He is one of the foremost men in Fond du Lac county and has but recently given up the personal management of his fine tract of land on section 21, Metomen township. Upon this he carried on general farming and stock-raising, developing his land progressively and scientifically and directing his agricultural pursuits by experience, knowledge and business ability of a high order. For almost twenty-five years he was recognized as one of the leading and representative farmers of his district and he is still a factor in its growth and development. He is a native son of Fond du Lac county, having been born in Alto township on March 24, 1857, a son of William and Ann (Conly) Miller. His father was a native of Ireland of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was thirteen years of age when he came to America, settling in New York in 1835. Here he learned the carpenter's trade and followed it for a short time before he began farming. His residence in Fond du Lac county dated from 1856, in which year he settled in Alto township upon a farm. He cultivated and developed the tract of land which he purchased and brought it to a high state of improvement. Upon it he lived until the death of his wife which occurred in 1881 after which he made his home with our subject until his demise in 1894. The mother of our subject was also a native of Ireland and came to the United States in 1848. Her marriage occurred in New York and she and her husband became the parents of five children.

William T. Miller attended district school No. 9, Alto township, and completed his education in Ripon College. He taught school for a short time but when he attained his majority went west spending one year in the Dakotas. In 1889 he came to Metomen township and purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres which he now owns. He developed the land and cultivated it along the most modern and scientific lines, planting his fields in the most suitable grains and being rewarded for his labors and care by excellent harvests. He erected the necessary barns and outbuildings and always kept his property in good condition. He did general farming and stock-raising and operated a dairy, keeping fourteen graded Durham cows for this purpose. In 1912 he rented out his land and moved to Ripon, where he lives retired.

In 1885 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Addie E. Wood, a daughter of Hon. Uriah and Agnes (Mares) Wood. Her father was born in Schoharie county, New York, December 25, 1830, and came to Wisconsin, settling in Kenosha county in 1844. In the following year he came with his parents to Fond du Lac county where the family located upon a farm in Alto township. When he came of age he drove across the plains to California and after a short residence in that state returned by way of the Isthmus of Panama and New York, resuming work on his farm in Alto township. Previous to this time he had purchased a yoke of oxen and had broken one thousand acres of raw prairie land upon which he settled and engaged in general farming. He married on June 17, 1855, Miss Agnes Mares, a daughter of Henry and Charlotte (Jenkinson) Mares, and they became the parents of seven children: C. H., who has passed away; Charlotte, the widow of E. B. Carter, and who resides on a farm near Ripon; Addie E., the wife of our subject; Agnes Adele, who resides at

home in Brandon; Dora, the wife of Robert R. Miller, the brother of our subject, of Moose Jaw, Canada; Uriah D., a resident of Waupun; and Margaret Maud, who also resides at home. Mr. Wood is one of the highly respected and public-spirited men in Fond du Lac county today. In 1878 and 1879 he represented his district in the Wisconsin general assembly and was mayor of the village of Brandon for six terms. About the year 1887 he left the farm and moved into the village where he is now living retired. His wife died in Brandon, November 27, 1897. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born two children: Jennie A., born January 31, 1887, who married Edward B. Barr, of Marshfield, Wisconsin, the editor of the News of that town; and Eileen Agnes, who was born March 14, 1892, and who was graduated from Ripon College with the class of 1912. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Brandon.

Mr. Miller gives his allegiance to the republican party and served as assessor in Metomen township for two years. For three years he was township supervisor and is a member of the school board of district No. 6, having served for twelve years as clerk of that body. He is a shareholder in the Brandon Farmers Elevator Company, and well known in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America. His retirement has not in any way lessened his interest in agriculture nor in the progress and growth of his section. He has given his active aid in the past to farm development by making his property one of the finest and most efficiently managed tracts of land in the district and he still retains his interest in everything pertaining to the modern and scientific aspects of agriculture and his activities have been an important influence on standards of business and methods of operation in the last quarter of a century.

WILLIAM E. SMITH.

Byron township and Fond du Lac county owe their present prosperity to the number of fertile and well cultivated farms within their boundaries. The men who cultivate the soil in this district are progressive, enterprising and efficient men who bring to their agriculture the modern methods which are rapidly raising that occupation to the level of a scientific profession. Among the young men of this class is William E. Smith, who now operates one hundred and twenty acres of fine Fond du Lac county land. He was born in Oakfield, Wisconsin, September 5, 1878, and is a son of William A. and Sophia (Gates) Smith. His father was born in England in 1831 and came to Byron township in his childhood, in the early days of its pioneer settlement. He farmed in this district during his life and died in 1885, when he was fifty-four years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of seven children: Ada, who married Walter Worthing, a prominent farmer in Fond du Lac county, by whom she has two children; Wallace, who is a practicing physician in his native district and who married Miss Gertrude Fisher; Irving, who is engaged in farming near Oakfield; Marian, who is now teaching school in Buhl, Idaho; William, the subject of this sketch; Nellie, who resides in Oakfield; and Hiram, who is married and is practicing medicine in Rock Island, Illinois.

William E. Smith received his early education in the public schools of Oakfield and later attended the high school in that city. He pursued his studies until he was eighteen years of age and acquired a thoroughly efficient education in all the important branches of study. He spent two years with his brothers in the work of the farm and gained a personal experience in the details of agriculture which has been a valuable asset to him all during his later life. At one period in his career he took up the study of pharmacy and worked at this occupation for two years. He was successful as a butter-maker for three years

and worked in the express business for a similar period of time. He went to Milwaukee and followed butter-making in that city for three years and then returned to Fond du Lac county, in March, 1912, when he purchased his present holdings. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of the finest farm land in the district and has given to its cultivation his personal knowledge and his broad minded and energetic intelligence. He has been prosperous and successful as an agriculturist and his farm is one of the most modern and efficiently equipped properties in Byron township. He is now constructing a new and modern eight-room residence upon his farm and expects to make his home one of the most completely furnished and modernly equipped houses in his part of the country.

On December 9, 1903, Mr. Smith was united in marriage in Oakfield, Wisconsin, to Miss Mary Tulledge, the daughter of Charles and Esther Tulledge of that city. Mrs. Smith is a charming and thoroughly hospitable woman and is making her husband's house a delightful and comfortable home.

In his political views Mr. Smith is a firm republican and takes an intelligent interest in the affairs of his district, although he has never been an office seeker. He gives his allegiance to the Methodist church and is active in the affairs of that organization. Mr. Smith is one of the representative men of Fond du Lac county. He is successfully engaged in its most important industry and is developing his farm along progressive and efficient lines in a scientific and modern way. He is one of the many who bring to the cultivation of the soil a thorough equipment, a personal experience and a broad and liberal intelligence, which are the foundations of success in agriculture as they are in professional or business life.

WILLIS J. GILLETT.

The Springvale Stock Farm, known throughout Fond du Lac county and the state of Wisconsin as "The Home of the Johannas," is the most important, modern and thoroughly equipped enterprise of its kind in the country and its proprietor, Willis J. Gillett, is one of the best known breeders of Holstein-Friesian cattle in America. He has won his prominence by actual attainment and has based it upon long personal experience, careful work and scientific efficiency. He has devoted his entire life to stock-breeding and has achieved a national reputation as a remarkably successful and able man. He is well known in American stock associations and has held national offices for many years, thus making his knowledge and experience generally effective. He stands at the head of his business today, thoroughly versed in its details and scientifically efficient—one of the greatest forces in the development of the stock-breeding industry in America. He is a native of Fond du Lac county and was born in Fond du Lac township on July 26, 1864. His parents were Timothy K. and Lydia S. (Cowden) Gillett, natives of New York state. They were married in that state and came to Fond du Lac county in the early '50s, locating in Fond du Lac township, being among the earliest settlers. They lived upon a farm there until 1866, when they came to Springvale township, where the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land upon which his son is now living. Here Timothy K. Gillett carried on farming and stock-raising and was conspicuously successful in both these lines of endeavor until 1889, when he was elected clerk of the circuit court and moved to the city of Fond du Lac, where he entered upon his public duties. He lived there until 1900, moving to Rosendale, where his death occurred on July 6, 1904. His wife survived him until December 27, 1907, also passing away at Rosendale.

Willis J. Gillett attended school in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and remained with his parents until 1894. The father began breeding registered Holstein-

Freisian cattle in 1878, when he made some purchases from Smith & Powell of Syracuse and added to his herd by purchase from Garrett S. Miller, of Peterboro, New York, and from the Unadilla Valley Stock Breeders' Association of Edmundson, New York. Thus it was that Willis J. Gillett gained his first knowledge of the details of stock-breeding and his early activities along this line gave a definite bent to his ambitions. In 1894 he took charge of the Springvale Stock Farm and has carried on his business upon this property since that time. He has specialized in the same breeds of stock in which his father was interested and to-day has a herd of from forty to fifty head of the best cattle in the world. For eighteen consecutive years they had exhibited at all the important fairs and stock shows but in 1895 discontinued this practice because of the danger of injury and disease. He breeds for quality and not for quantity and has some of the finest registered stock in America. The head of his herd is a son of the world's champion, which was developed by Mr. Gillett. Colantha Johanna Champion is a son of the noted Colantha 4th's Johanna, the only cow of any breed that ever held all the world's records for the production of butter at one time. She gave twenty-seven thousand, four hundred and thirty-two and five-tenths pounds of milk in one year and twelve hundred and forty-seven and eight-tenths pounds of butter in the same time. The sire of the present head of Mr. Gillett's herd, Sir Fayne Concordia, was a full brother of the first cow of the breed to surpass Colantha 4th's Johanna in weekly production of butter. The brother of this animal was sold for eight thousand dollars cash. Willis J. Gillett anticipates that Colantha Johanna Champion will be one of the greatest sires of the Holstein-Friesian breed. He bases his belief upon the fact that his first fourteen daughters gave three hundred and eighty and six-tenths pounds of milk and sixteen and five-tenths pounds of butter in seven days and showed a daily average of fifty-four and four-tenths pounds of milk at the age of two years. He has recently purchased at a large price a registered bull, King Pieter Lyons, No. 94224 from H. A. Moyer, of Syracuse, New York, which he intends to cross with the daughters of the world's champion.

Willis J. Gillett's remarkable success as a stock-breeder has gained him prominence in many breeding associations. In 1902 he served as president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, the largest society of its kind in the world, and for fourteen years was a member of the board of directors of that organization and for three years chairman of its executive committee. He served for two years as president of the Wisconsin State Dairymen's Association and is at the present time president of the Wisconsin State Holstein-Friesian Breeders' Association, serving his first term. All the honors which he has been given by his associates in his line of business and all the offices which he has held in breeding associations have come to him unsolicited and as a result of unqualified success as a scientific breeder of high-grade stock. He is one of the best known men in Fond du Lac county and although much of his time and attention is given to the operation of his stock farm he is nevertheless interested in various local enterprises, being president of the Rosendale State Bank and a member of the board of directors of the Citizens State Bank of Fond du Lac.

In 1886 Mr. Gillett was united in marriage to Miss Ernestine V. Samuels, a daughter of David and Emma (Carlton) Samuels. The father was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to Wisconsin at an early date. He was a veteran of the Civil war and died in Beaver Dam. His wife was born near the latter city and is now living in Hutchinson, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Gillett are the parents of two children. Their eldest son, Elton S., was born October 4, 1891, and attended the public schools of Rosendale, graduating from the high school in 1909. He is associated with his father in business under the firm name of W. J. Gillett & Son. Forrest W. was born January 1, 1895, and was graduated from the Rosendale high school in 1911. He is now a student at Ripon College.

Willis J. Gillett is a democrat "by breeding and precept" and has always been a staunch adherent to the party's doctrines. When he was a young man he served two terms as treasurer of Springvale township. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church of Beaver Dam. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 111, F. & A. M., of Rosendale and served for three years as worshipful master in that organization. He and his wife belong to Rosendale Lodge, No. 68, Order of the Eastern Star, and he has served as worthy patron and she as worthy matron. Mr. Gillett is a successful man and one of the best known citizens of the state of Wisconsin. He has in the course of years become the proprietor of an enterprise based on scientifically efficient methods of operation and built up along lines of system and progress. He is more than merely a prosperous business man. His success has gone beyond private aspects and has influenced the development of one of the greatest of our national industries.

WILLIAM JAEGER.

One of the most progressive and enterprising young farmers of Springvale township is William Jaeger, a native of Fond du Lac county, who is successful in the cultivation of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 9 and 12. His methods are practical and consequently productive of good results and he has gained prosperity and prominence among his fellow citizens. He was born in Rosendale township, October 26, 1870, and is a son of Frederick and Mary (Kentopp) Jaeger, natives of Germany. The father was a farmer and came to the United States at an early date, settling near Ripon, where he worked in the employ of others for some time. After his marriage he began an independent agricultural career and purchased land in Rosendale township. He intended to move upon his holdings in the fall of 1905 but died on July 2 of that year before he had accomplished his purpose. His wife survives him and is living upon the farm in Rosendale township. They were the parents of ten children: William, of this review; Freda, the wife of Fred Ferch, of Rosendale; Ida, at home; Mary, the wife of Gustave Tank, of Springvale township; Tilly, who married Rhine Wagner, of Springvale township; Emma, the wife of William Hempel, of La-martine township; Amel and Minnie, twins, both of whom reside in Rosendale township, the latter acting as housekeeper for her brother; Elsie, the wife of August Arndt, of Rosendale township; and Lana, who resides on the home place with her mother.

William Jaeger was reared at home and educated in the public schools of Ripon. When he was twenty-four years of age he married and began active life for himself, renting a farm in Springvale township. Here he remained for eleven years, sometimes changing his farm location but always remaining in Springvale township. It was in 1905 that he purchased his present holdings comprising one hundred and twenty acres of fertile and productive land on sections 9 and 12. He is accounted one of the representative and substantial agriculturists of this part of the county. His land is crossed from east to west by an old Indian trail, a reminder of earlier and less progressive times. The property is highly improved and in excellent condition, the buildings being modern and sanitary and the fields planted in the most suitable grains. Mr. Jaeger is interested in the raising of high-grade cattle and has a dairy herd of twelve Durham cows but is gradually breeding into the Holstein strain. In all his farming operations he is active and energetic, his past labor resulting in the gratifying prosperity which he is now enjoying.

On the 15th of November, 1894, William Jaeger was united in marriage to Miss Lena Duehring, a daughter of Fred and Reka (Staple) Duehring, natives of Mecklenburg, Germany. They came to the United States in 1882 and located

in Ripon, where for some time the father worked at any occupation which would bring him an income. Eventually he took up railroad work and was successful in this line of activity. In 1909 he left Ripon and moved to Oshkosh, where he is now employed in a sawmill. To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duehring six children have been born: Lena, the wife of our subject; William, a resident of West Rosendale; John, of Oshkosh; Martha, the wife of Erwin Endthoff, of Ripon; Bertha, residing in Ripon; and Dora, the wife of Louis Schultz, of Ripon. Mrs. Jaeger was born in Germany, January 30, 1874, and came to the United States with her parents when she was eight years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Jaeger have four children. Leon, born July 12, 1897, was graduated from district school No. 2 of Springvale township in June, 1912. He now attends the high school at Rosendale and assists his father in the work of the farm. Elmer, born January 12, 1899, is attending district school No. 2 of Springvale township. Edwin, born June 7, 1900, is also attending district school No. 2. Leona, who completes the family, was born August 8, 1902, and is attending school in the same district. The family belong to the German Lutheran church.

In his political views William Jaeger is democratic, but never seeks public office. He has devoted practically all his time since the beginning of his active career to farming and by upright methods and honorable principles has gained that prosperity which results from earnest and well directed efforts.

WILLIAM F. KETTLER.

William F. Kettler is the owner of a hundred and sixty-five acres of highly productive land located on section 17 of Byron township, where he successfully engages in general farming and stock-raising. His birth occurred on the place he now owns on the 3d of November, 1872, his parents being Antone and Maria Theresa (Gaertner) Kettler, natives of Germany. The father, whose natal year was 1829, emigrated to the United States in 1852, after having spent the usual period of service in the German army. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kettler, as follows: Fred J., who is a traveling salesman; Frances E., the wife of P. T. Kaufman, a farmer, by whom she has had three children; Louis A., who married Almeda Simmons, of Byron township; William F., our subject; Emma, who married Ernest Orvis, of Oakfield, and has one child; Meta, who became the wife of J. B. Steen, a farmer of South Dakota, and has one child; Louisa, who is residing in Fond du Lac; and Mary and Otto, both of whom are deceased, as is also the father, his death having occurred on April 21, 1904.

William F. Kettler was reared at home and educated in the district schools of Byron township, which he attended until he was a youth of seventeen years. As he had been assisting his father with the tilling of the fields and care of the crops from boyhood, he was quite familiar with the duties and responsibilities of an agriculturist, and thereafter gave his undivided attention to the operation of the home farm. After the death of his father, he bought the interest of the other heirs in the property, in the development of which he has met with success. His place is well improved and cared for, manifesting by its general appearance the exercise of capable management and competent supervision in its cultivation. Mr. Kettler also engages in stock-raising and now has twenty-five head of cattle and five horses.

At Oakfield, this state, on the 18th of October, 1904, Mr. Kettler was united in marriage to Miss Alma E. Smith, a daughter of Edward F. and Clara J. Smith, well known farming people of that vicinity. The father was born in this county in 1851 and died in Byron township in 1910, while the mother was a native of Wisconsin. Three children were born to them: Mrs. Kettler; Laura E., who is

a dressmaker; and George M., who died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Kettler there have been born two daughters, Gladys S. and Dorothy M.

In matters of faith Mr. and Mrs. Kettler are Episcopalians, and fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a republican in his political views and gives his stanch support to the men and measures of that party. The farm Mr. Kettler now owns was formerly the property of his grandfather, who replaced the log cabin he built when he first located here by the frame residence now occupied by his grandson. The family is widely known and highly respected in this vicinity, as they are thrifty and diligent as well as enterprising and are in every way most desirable citizens, their energies contributing toward the development of the community, while forwarding their personal interests.

WILLIAM IRWIN.

On the 15th of October, 1908, William Irwin passed away upon his farm on section 30, Springvale township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and his passing marked the end of a long and useful career. He was among the earliest Wisconsin pioneers and was identified for almost a quarter of a century with the agricultural development of Fond du Lac county. He was born in the province of Quebec, Canada, on January 28, 1835, and was a son of Samuel and Esther Irwin, both natives of Canada. His mother died in Quebec upon the farm which her husband was operating at that time. Samuel Irwin came with his children to the United States in 1847 and located in Fond du Lac county, buying a farm in Metomen township where he lived until three years before his death. At that time he retired and moved into the village of Brandon where he died. He was numbered among the pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county and was one of the representative and substantial citizens of that district.

William Irwin was of Scotch-Irish descent upon his father's side and of New England lineage upon the maternal side. He was the youngest child in a family of six children and he spent his early life upon his father's farm. He attended the district schools in Metomen township and spent the time when he was not pursuing his studies in assisting his father in his agricultural labors. He married in 1859 and remained with his parents for six years after his marriage. In 1865 he removed to Springvale township where he purchased a farm of forty-four acres which he cultivated and operated along the most modern and scientific lines until his death. He improved his property in every way, fenced his land, built barns and outbuildings and made his enterprise one of the flourishing and substantial farms in the county. His death occurred on October 15, 1908, and was a distinct loss to agricultural development.

Mr. Irwin was married on August 21, 1859, to Miss Harriet Lockin, a daughter of John and Mary (Cooper) Lockin, both natives of England. They came to the United States in 1845, and were among the pioneers in the settlement of Wisconsin. They located in Watertown where the father followed farming and also worked in the timber woods for a number of years. In 1849 he removed to Metomen township, purchased land one mile east of Brandon and developed and improved his property until he retired from active life. He then removed to Brandon and in that village his death occurred in 1872. His wife's death followed his two years later and occurred in Brandon.

Mrs. Irwin's memory dates back to pioneer times in Wisconsin. She saw the first train come into Brandon and was one of the crowd of people who came from the outlying districts for miles around to witness the entrance of the first locomotive and to give the train a welcome into the village. Her eldest brother, William Lockin, who is now deceased, owned the land where the vil-

lage of Brandon now stands. When the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad came through the community they asked Mr. Lockin to name the new town. He consulted with his mother who advised him to name the village Brandon after the town in England where she was born. Later William Lockin met Mrs. Alva Knapp on Round Prairie, and after he had told her his ideas regarding the naming of the village she added her encouragement to that of Mrs. Lockin, as her birth had occurred in a town of the same name in Vermont.

To Mr. and Mrs. Irwin were born six children: Edgar Henry, who is now a rural mail carrier in Herreid, South Dakota, and who married Miss Mary Artus, of Clear Lake, South Dakota, by whom he has four children, Ethel, Elva, Ruth and Helen; Louisa E., the wife of Arthur D. Prouty, a farmer of Pollock, South Dakota, by whom she has two children, Clement and Arlouine, the latter a graduate of the Brandon high school in the class of 1912; William, a prominent banker of Linton, North Dakota, who married Ellen Gilman of Denver, Colorado; Flora E., the wife of John J. Fenelon, a banker and farmer of Pollock, South Dakota, by whom she has four children, Irwin, Katherine, William and John; Ethel M., the wife of Michael E. Kaufman, a harness-maker of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Harriford C., who took charge of the home farm upon his father's death and who is now carrying on agriculture and making his home with his mother.

Mr. Irwin was, during his life, one of the substantial and representative citizens of Fond du Lac county. He affiliated with the republican party, and, although he took an intelligent interest in public affairs he was never personally active. He belonged to the Masonic order, holding membership in Brandon Lodge, A. F. & A. M. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Brandon and now lives upon the farm which her husband left. Mr. Irwin's life was closely connected with the upbuilding and growth of the village of Brandon and of Springvale township, and upon his death Fond du Lac county lost a representative and able citizen and a pioneer in its settlement, who, in all the phases of his life was without fear and without reproach.

EDWARD L. MALONEY.

Edward L. Maloney, who for forty years has been local representative of several of the old line life and fire insurance companies is one of the best known and most prominent underwriters in the city of Fond du Lac. He was born in Troy, New York, on the 31st of March, 1838, and is, as his name would suggest, of Irish extraction. His parents James and Anna (Hanley) Maloney were both born in the Emerald isle, the father's natal year being 1807 and that of the mother 1808. There they were likewise reared and married, emigrating to the United States in 1836. Upon their arrival in this country they first located in Troy, New York, but they subsequently became citizens of Fond du Lac county, where the father, who was a farmer, engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his active life. Eight children were born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Maloney, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of our subject and one daughter, Mrs. Anna Southwick, of this city.

Practically the entire life of Edward L. Maloney has been passed in Fond du Lac, which was little more than a village when he first came here and gave little promise of developing into the enterprising thriving city it is today. His education was obtained in the graded and high schools which he attended until he was a youth of nineteen years. He then became self-supporting, earning his first money at school teaching. He was identified with this profession for

eight terms, but as it did not prove to be very lucrative and gave little promise for the future, he subsequently sought other employment. He enlisted in the quartermaster's department in 1864 and was assigned duty in the quartermaster's department, as quartermaster's clerk, which position he held during the entire period of his enlistment. Immediately after receiving his discharge in 1865 he returned to Fond du Lac. During the succeeding seven years he followed various lines of employment, but at the expiration of that time, in 1872, he opened an office and engaged in the general insurance business. As he is a man of pleasing address and convincing manner he is well adapted to the business and has made a success of it, and without question is one of the best known representatives of the insurance interests in the city. When he became better established he extended the scope of his activities by adding both an abstract and real-estate department. He has been equally successful in both of these, and is the owner of a valuable set of abstract books, while he has handled many of the city's important realty transfers.

The lady who is known as Mrs. Maloney, during her maidenhood was Miss Laura E. Cole of Waupaca, this state. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Maloney, Laura E., a school girl of ten years. Nina, a daughter by his first wife, became the wife of Dr. H. J. Richardson of Colorado Springs, by whom she has had one son, Horace E.

The political support of Mr. Maloney is given to such men and measures as he deems best qualified to serve the highest interests of the public. He is enterprising and progressive in matters of citizenship as well as in business affairs and is accorded the esteem and regard of a large circle of acquaintances many of whom are comrades of his boyhood days.

JUSTIN D. ROOT, M. D.

Dr. Justin D. Root is one of the leading physicians in Fond du Lac county where he has been practicing for twenty-two years and his prosperity is the result of his knowledge of the underlying principles of medicine and his practical application. His success is exemplified in the fact that his practice has made a rapid growth during the years and has attained gratifying proportions at the present time. Dr. Root was born in Dodge county, near Beaver Dam on the 13th of November, 1857, and is a son of Lyman and Mary Jane (Reed) Root. His father was born in Portage, Allegany county, New York, on September 10, 1827, and for some time followed music teaching. He abandoned this occupation in order to take up farming and came to Wisconsin in the early '40s. Here he took up a homestead claim, paying one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. His property was located near Beaver Dam where he lived until he moved to Fox Lake. He later rented out his farm and retired, making Fox Lake his home until his death, which occurred March 20, 1895. He was of New England stock and was the son of Israel Root who was born in Greenbush, Rensselaer county, on December 22, 1800, and who followed farming all during his life. Lyman Root's wife was also a native of New York state, having been born at Pillar Point. She accompanied her husband to Wisconsin and died at the home of her son in 1908 when she was seventy-eight years of age.

Dr. Root has one brother, Albert E., who is residing on the old homestead near Fox Lake, Wisconsin, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Emma J. Miller of Fargo, North Dakota, and Mrs. Julia M. Baker, also of Fargo, North Dakota. He was educated in the public schools of Fox Lake and was graduated from the high school in that district. He attended Downer College and after he decided to make the practice of medicine his life work he entered the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, receiving his degree of M. D. in 1884. He located for

practice in Greenbush, Sheboygan county, where for four years he followed his profession. He then moved to the city of Sheboygan for one year and in 1890 established his residence in Brandon where he has since practiced. He is a keen student of the details of his profession and keeps pace with modern advancement by constant reading and research. He gives his energies and services to his patients and has built up a flourishing practice in this city where his high conscientiousness and ability are well known.

On June 24, 1885, Dr. Root was united in marriage to Miss Jennie W. Hamilton, a daughter of Dr. Charles McNeal and Clarissa (Wade) Hamilton. Mrs. Root's father was born in Troy, Orleans county, Vermont, on August 6, 1810, and was of Scotch ancestry. His wife was a native of New Milford, Pennsylvania, where her birth occurred May 29, 1823. She was an army nurse during the Civil war and met her husband during his term of service as first lieutenant in the Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Their marriage occurred in 1862 near Cairo, Illinois, and they later located in Greenville, in the same state where Dr. Hamilton had practiced before the breaking out of the war. He died at Greenbush, Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, on April 2, 1881, and his wife's death occurred at the home of our subject in Brandon, on the 27th of March, 1895. Dr. and Mrs. Root became the parents of three children. They lost one son and one daughter, both of whom died in infancy. Their other child, Leslie N., was born on the 24th of January, 1887, and is the wife of Loren S. Bowne, a teller in the Union National Bank of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Mrs. Root is a descendant of Pelatiah Hamilton who was born on the 6th of April, 1785, and who married at Bath, New Hampshire, in 1806, to Miss Hannah Holman, whose birth occurred on February 9, 1789. Mrs. Root has one sister, Nellie M., who married George L. Barrett of Lakota, North Dakota, and had five half-brothers and sisters, namely: Charles B. of Omaha, Nebraska; Lucia T., now Mrs. Henry Ruddell of Denison, Texas; Fannie L., the deceased wife of Richard Waite of California; and Henry L. and Abbie, both of whom died in infancy.

In his political affiliations Dr. Root is a consistent republican and a firm advocate of the principles and policies of that party. He served for three terms as a member of the board of health in Brandon and belongs to the State Homeopathic Society. He is affiliated with the Masons, holding membership in the lodge and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. His wife is a charter member of the Royal Neighbors, but the Brandon lodge is now disbanded. Dr. Root is a shareholder and was one of the organizers of the local telephone company of Brandon. He is at present recognized as one of the leading and prominent physicians of the city and his practice extends throughout Fond du Lac county. He realizes the responsibility which the medical profession entails and his standards go beyond those of mere professional ethics to include ideals of personal service. He appreciates the higher side of his calling and his efficiency has gained greater force and effectiveness by his wide humanitarianism.

MAURICE FITZSIMONS, JR.

Maurice Fitzsimons, Jr., who has been successfully identified with the commercial circles of Fond du Lac for twenty-five years, is conducting the boot and shoe store founded by his father more than half a century ago. He is a native of this city, his birth having occurred on March 26, 1867. His parents are Maurice and Catherine (Lawler) Fitzsimons, both natives of Ireland, the father having been born in County Meath and the mother in County Kilkenny. Maurice Fitzsimons emigrated to the United States in 1847, locating in Fond

du Lac during the pioneer days. Here he established the business now conducted by his son, and as he was a man of energy and capability became one of the foremost citizens of that period, and did much to forward the industrial and commercial development of this city. He had long ago withdrawn from active business and was living in retirement at the time of his death, which occurred in 1910. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimons, four of whom are now deceased. In order of birth those living are as follows: Michael; Nora; Marcella; J. P., who is a priest of the Roman Catholic church; Maurice, Jr., our subject; and Thomas.

Maurice Fitzsimons, Jr., was reared at home and obtained his education in the graded and high schools of Fond du Lac, where he pursued his studies until he was a youth of sixteen years. He then laid aside his text-books and began his commercial training as a clerk in his father's store. As he was active and diligent and possessed more than average business sagacity he made marked progress, and at the age of twenty years was placed in charge of the store, which he has ever since conducted with excellent success. During the long period of his connection with this enterprise, Mr. Fitzsimons has greatly increased and developed the business, and is recognized as one of the leading representatives of the boot and shoe trade in the city.

In religious faith Mr. Fitzsimons is a Roman Catholic and belongs to St. Joseph's parish. His political indorsement he gives to the republican party, save at municipal elections when he gives his support to the candidate he deems best qualified for the office, regardless of party affiliations. He is widely known in social and business circles of Fond du Lac, where he has passed his entire life and has many stanch friends, whose loyalty is accorded him by reason of his personal worth.

JAMES P. REILLY.

James P. Reilly, general manager of the American Chemical Company of Fond du Lac, was born in Empire, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, on the 2d of May, 1873. He is a son of Michael and Margaret Reilly, both natives of Ireland, who emigrated to the United States during their early years and located in Wisconsin. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living, our subject being the youngest member of the family. Richard, who is the oldest resides in Empire, Fond du Lac county, married Mary Cody of Fond du Lac county and to them have been born six children, Thomas, Mary, Martha, Joseph, Marcella and Francis. Thomas, who is living in Chicago, Illinois, married Jennie Kelly, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and they are the parents of seven children, Frank, Florence, Oliver, Harold, Beatrice, Norman and Clarence. John who is residing in Empire, this state, married Hannah Blewett of El Dorado, and they have eleven children, Loretta, Edward, Pierce, Leo, John Jr., Paul, Margaret, Ruth, Eleanor, Lucille and Eugene. Michael K., who is the next in order of birth, is living in Fond du Lac. William T. married Jennie Stack of Fond du Lac county, where they continue to reside. Mary became the wife of James Doud of this city and has ever since made her home here.

After completing the course of the public schools of his native town, James P. Reilly attended the Normal school at Oshkosh. Completing his sophomore work he taught for a year, but at the expiration of that time he enrolled in the Wisconsin University, where he pursued his studies until a junior. He next matriculated in the law department of that institution, being graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1897. He was admitted to the Wisconsin bar the same year and engaged in practice until 1900, when he became associated with others in the organization of the American Chemical Company. They incorporated

in 1901 with Mr. Reilly as general manager and he has ever since been retained in this capacity in which he has given efficient and highly creditable service. The company, which is one of the thriving industries of the city, engages in the manufacture of Celery Fo-Mo. Their factory is located at 350 South Main street and is provided with such modern appliances in the way of equipment as are essential to the successful operation of a plant of this nature. Mr. Reilly is a man of much sagacity, fine powers of organization and good executive ability all of which well qualify him for the manifold duties of his present position.

Mr. Reilly was married at Madison, Wisconsin, to Miss Lucy R. Cosgrove of that city and to them have been born three children, Grace M., James P., Jr., and Lucy R. The parents are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is pregressive and public-spirited in matters of citizenship and is one of the enthusiastic members of the Business Men's Club, while he votes the democratic ticket. Mr. Reilly is directing his interests with intelligence and foresight, concentrating his entire forces upon a definite achievement and as a result he is meeting with a goodly measure of success in his undertakings.

HERMAN W. GABEL.

Herman W. Gabel is a member of the firm of Gabel Brothers, machinists, who for two years have been successfully engaged in business at number 13 East Third street, where they have a well equipped and thoroughly up-to-date shop. A native of Fond du Lac county, his birth occurred in the village of Luco on March 2, 1878. He is a son of Carl and Dorothy (Hill) Gabel, who were born, reared and married in Germany. They emigrated to America in 1872, coming direct to this county and locating in Luco. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gabel, our subject being the youngest son. In order of birth the others who are living are as follows: William, who married Bertha Lodges; Otto, who married Lizzie Tjashe and has one son, Roland; Ferdinand, who married Rose Hollinger and has two children, Helen and Lillian; Fred, who married Bertha Hollinger; Louisa, who married William Miller and has two sons, Leo and William; and Emma, who is living at home with her parents. All of the children with the exception of the oldest daughter are residents of Fond du Lac.

Herman W. Gabel was reared in the village of his birth and educated in the public schools. At the age of seventeen years he laid aside his text-books and apprenticed himself to the machinist's trade. He subsequently went to Milwaukee where for eight years he was employed in machine shops of that city. He was ambitious and during two years of that time he attended night school after his hard day's toil and took a course in mechanics, thus acquiring a wider knowledge of those subjects pertaining to his particular line of work. From Milwaukee he came to Fond du Lac, where he continued to follow his trade and was for eight years employed in the largest shop in the city. Realizing that the future held little promise for him as an employe, he in 1910 resigned his position and together with his brother Fred opened the establishment they are now conducting at 13 East Third street. As they are both skilled mechanics, employ good material and do their work promptly and thoroughly, making their deliveries at the time specified, they are building up a good trade and always have orders ahead. While their establishment is small, their equipment is very complete, their shop being provided with everything essential to the successful operation of a plant of this kind.

Mr. Herman W. Gabel married Miss Ella Jeske of this city and to them have been born two daughters, Dorothy and Ruth.

In matters of faith they are Lutherans, while in his political views Mr. Gabel is a democrat, but favors many of the teachings of the socialist party. He is a member of the International Association of Machinists and for eight years was treasurer of this organization. Mr. Gabel is a very energetic man and uses good judgment and intelligence in the direction of his undertakings, and the success that has come to him is entirely attributable to his perseverance and unremitting industry.

HENRY C. PLEUSS.

The financial prominence and importance of Henry C. Pleuss who is today the leading hardware merchant in Brandon, Wisconsin, gives little hint of the penniless condition of the German boy who came to America in 1878, unknown and without money but eager in his ambitions and hopeful of favoring opportunities in the new world. He was sturdy and resolute and even in his penniless condition had the foundation of his present success in his industry and intelligence. Henry C. Pleuss not only began life for himself but also cared for his mother and younger brothers. He was himself only nineteen years of age when he was obliged to assume mature responsibilities. He was born in Oldenburg, near Bremen, Germany, on November 29, 1859, and is a son of John D. and Mary (Bleichwel) Pleuss, both natives of the fatherland. His father was a farmer and followed agriculture in Germany for many years, dying in that country on November 10, 1872. His wife came to the United States with her children in 1878 and located in Brandon, Wisconsin, where she spent the remainder of her life. She died in 1901 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lena Jack of Bismar, Michigan. She and her husband were the parents of seven children: Herman, who is a traveling salesman with headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin; Henry C., the subject of this sketch; Meta, the wife of Charles Meister, a hardware merchant of Idaho; Lena, who married Fred Jack, a tailor in Madison, Wisconsin; Dietrich J., a saloon keeper in Brandon; Mary, who married Charles Geidel, who is a pattern maker in Madison; and John, who died in childhood.

Henry Pleuss attended school in Germany and received what little education he had in that country. He followed farming and has earned his own living since the time he was ten years of age. His father was an invalid for four years before his death and was unable to support his family. From his early childhood Mr. Pleuss did his share in contributing to the general living fund and took care of his mother all during her life. He came to the United States in 1878, having been preceded four years before by his brother Herman, who had located in this country in 1874. His letters home were filled with the accounts of the opportunities to be had in the new country and were an influence in the decision of Mr. Pleuss to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. In 1878, therefore, he accompanied his mother and her younger children to America, locating with his brother Herman in Brandon. The family was poor and entirely dependent upon the support of the two eldest boys. The struggle was hard and often discouraging but Mr. Pleuss and his brother worked at anything they could get to do and by strict economy soon saved a small sum of money. With this in 1885 they opened a temperance saloon in Brandon. In the conduct of this enterprise they strove to combine the social elements of a modern buffet with restriction in drinks. The enterprise was successful although the partnership was dissolved after two years and Henry Pleuss operated the saloon himself for five years. In 1893 he disposed of his establishment and entered the

hardware business in partnership with George W. Sargent, Jr., under the firm name of Sargent & Pleuss. In 1906 Mr. Pleuss purchased his partner's interest and has since been the sole owner of one of the leading enterprises in the city. He carries on a general hardware establishment and has combined with it a plumbing, tinning and repair business. His stock is complete and varied and kept attractively and tastefully arranged. His business methods are beyond reproach and his administrative and organizing ability have made his enterprise grow and expand into a mercantile establishment which while it promotes his private prosperity is also an asset in the community.

In 1886 Mr. Pleuss was united in marriage to Miss Mary Heidel, a daughter of Fred and Mary (Zell) Heidel, natives of Germany. Their marriage occurred in the fatherland and they came to America in the early '60s, locating on Green Lake prairie where for a number of years the father engaged in farming. Later he moved to Chicago and then to Brandon where he now resides and is engaged in the building and moving business. To Mr. and Mrs. Pleuss have been born four children, the two eldest of whom died in infancy. The others are Margaretta, who is a student in Ripon College, a member of the class of 1914 and who lives at home; and Arnold, who is pursuing his education in the Brandon high school and who helps his father in the work of the store in his leisure hours.

In his political affiliations Mr. Pleuss is a consistent democrat, but beyond casting his vote at each election takes no active part in public affairs and has never sought public office. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Brandon and he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church of that city. Mrs. Pleuss belongs to the Brandon Social Club.

Henry C. Pleuss is entirely a self-made man and has all the virtues of sturdy independence and reliability which give force to that name. He has struggled up from penury to wealth but his material prosperity is not his real success. That has to do rather with the qualities which made him prosperous—the patience, the fidelity to duty, the serving of others, the hard working against discouragements, and the industry, intelligence and loyalty which have made him today not only an important and prominent merchant but a worthy and upright man whose standards of integrity are high.

HENRY W. MULLER.

Henry W. Muller, who is at present ably serving as supervisor of Forest township, has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is now the owner of a well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and twenty-three acres. A native son of Fond du Lac county, he has remained within its borders continuously since his birth, which occurred in Forest township in 1857. His parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Ackenbach) Muller, both of whom were natives of Germany, were married in the United States and arrived in this county in the early '50s. Henry Muller, Sr., purchased a farm of eighty acres in Forest township and erected a log cabin near the creek, at the present home of our subject. That the country was still largely wild and undeveloped is indicated by the fact that Indians camped around the old homestead and fox and deer were frequently seen in the region. Mr. Muller found it necessary to undertake the arduous task of clearing the timber from his land and encountered many of the difficulties and hardships of frontier life. By dint of untiring perseverance and well directed energy he gradually developed his property until it became an excellent farm, in the supervision and operation of which he was successfully engaged until called to his final rest in February, 1912. The period of his residence in this county covered



MR. AND MRS. HENRY W. MÜLLER

more than a half century and the circle of his friends and acquaintances was a wide one.

Henry W. Muller was reared on the home farm and has devoted his time and energies to the work of the fields since old enough to handle a plow. He assisted his father in clearing the land and aided materially in the development and cultivation of the home place. The property is now in his possession and embraces one hundred and twenty-three acres of rich and productive land which annually yields golden harvests.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Muller chose Miss Agnes Seibel, by whom he has seven children, namely: Edna, Louis, Herbert, Anna, Ervin, Katie and Florence. All are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Muller gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving in the capacity of township supervisor. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, to which his wife and children also belong. Both Mr. and Mrs. Muller are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as people of genuine personal worth and upright, honorable lives.

MATHIAS SHERIDAN.

Mathias Sheridan is farming on one hundred and forty-five acres of land in Fond du Lac county and is specializing in the breeding of high-grade cattle and horses. He has attained a gratifying degree of success in his chosen field of activity and is one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of his district. He was born in the township of Byron, February 26, 1851, and is the son of Philip and Alice (Ward) Sheridan, both natives of Ireland. The father was born in County Meath on December 25, 1817, and came to Fond du Lac county in 1840. Here he took up a homestead claim and lived in a log cabin upon his holdings until 1850, when he destroyed his original home and built a more modern residence. He was active in the cultivation of the soil and very successful in the operation of his farm, where he resided until his death, in March, 1908. His wife was born in Waterford, Ireland, and came to America at an early date. Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan were married in Eden township, Wisconsin, and became the parents of six children, two of whom are still living: Ann, who makes her home in Chicago; and Mathias, the subject of this sketch.

Mathias Sheridan received his early education in the district schools of Byron township. He pursued his studies during the winter months and in the summer assisted his father in the work of the farm. He laid aside his books when he was twenty-one years of age and has given his entire attention to agriculture since that time. Until his father's death Mr. Sheridan remained upon the home farm and assisted in its labors. He started for himself when his father passed away and has been continuously successful since that time. He is now the owner of one hundred and forty-five acres of improved and productive farm land on section 15 in Byron township and is the owner of twelve head of fine cattle and six head of thoroughbred horses.

On October 24, 1876, Mr. Sheridan was united in marriage in Eden to Miss Mary Jane Carr, a daughter of Edward and Catherine Carr, of Byron township. The parents were pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county and were numbered among its prosperous citizens. To Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan have been born the following children: Alice, the wife of Charles McCoy, of Fond du Lac; Eunice Marie; Philip Edward; Catherine, who became the wife of Joseph Melton, of Fond du Lac; Emmett; Frank; Agnes; Ralph; and Ellen, who died in 1899.

In his political affiliation Mr. Sheridan is an independent democrat and has served his fellow citizens as road commissioner for many years. He also was active in affairs of the school board for nine years and did successful and efficient

work in this line. He holds membership in the Catholic church of Byron and is educating his children in the faith in which he himself was reared. He is one of the progressive and scientific farmers of Fond du Lac county and is doing much to make the occupation of stock-raising one of the important industries of that section.

LYMAN F. SWIMFORD.

Lyman F. Swimford has for the past forty years been continuously engaged in business as a house-mover of Fond du Lac and in this connection has won a gratifying measure of prosperity. His birth occurred in this city on the 7th of December, 1850, his parents being Luther and Sarah (Boyer) Swimford, the former a native of Ashland, Ohio, and the latter of New York. Luther Swimford removed to Neenah, Wisconsin, in 1844 and the following year came to Fond du Lac. By trade he was a blacksmith. Unto him and his wife were born four children, as follows: George, who is a house-mover of Cleveland, Ohio; Lyman F., of this review; Bella, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; and James, who resides in Fond du Lac and whose wife is a native of Minnesota.

Lyman F. Swimford attended the public schools until fifteen years of age and also spent several terms as a night-school student. Subsequently he embarked in business as a house-mover and this work has claimed his attention continuously since or for a period of forty years. He also takes contracts for the drilling of wells and in both branches of his business has labored so ably and acceptably that his success has been assured. He also has a creditable military record, having served for four years as a member of Company E, Second Wisconsin Guards.

Mr. Swimford was united in marriage to Miss Barbara F. Begenhauer, of West Bend, Wisconsin, her father being Valentine Begenhauer, a butcher by trade. Our subject and his wife have two children. Lillie lives in Fond du Lac, is married and has five children. Birdie gave her hand in marriage to William Churchill, a painter and decorator of Fond du Lac. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill now make their home in Milwaukee and have three children, Ned, Helen and Doris.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Swimford has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing its principles most conducive to good government. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church. In the city where his entire life has been spent he enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance. His life has been that of the business man who year after year works on steadily, seeking to present his interest in no sensational way but gaining that patronage which comes as the reward of earnest, persistent and honorable labor.

MATHEW S. BATCHELDER.

Modern farm methods are well exemplified in the agricultural operations of Mathew S. Batchelder, who has been engaged in the cultivation of the soil on section 3, Byron township, Fond du Lac county, since he was twenty-six years of age. His prosperity has grown with his experience and his methods of operation have become more scientific with the passing years. He now cultivates one hundred and twenty acres of the finest farm land in Wisconsin and resides on the first property which he ever purchased. He is a native of Wisconsin, having been born in the township of Byron on February 29, 1852. His

parents were Mathew and Elizabeth (Divers) Batchelder, the former a native of Genesee county, New York, and the latter of Batavia, New York. The father was born in 1816 and came west in 1846. He took up a homestead claim in this state and built a log cabin upon his holdings. He was the owner of eighty acres of land, half of which he cleared of timber and sold. He later removed to Kansas but after one year's residence in that state came again to Wisconsin in 1858. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children. Jeannette, their eldest daughter, married Silas Warner, of Fond du Lac county, in 1857. He died in August, 1864, and was survived by his wife only two years, her death occurring in 1866. They were the parents of three children: Nettie, who died in 1864; Laura, whose death occurred in the same year; and Frank, who is married and lives in Appleton, Wisconsin, with his wife and two children, Ethel and Roy. The second child was Irving, who was born in 1841 and died in 1858. Carlos was born in 1842 and died in 1844. Helen was born in 1844 and passed away in 1846. The next child was a son, James, whose birth occurred in 1848 and who passed away in 1850. Mary became the wife of Edwin Beebe, a carpenter of Fond du Lac county. He died in 1890 and was survived by his wife until 1901. They were the parents of two children: Della, who passed away at the age of four years; and Dayton, who is married and lives in Paw Paw, Michigan, with his wife and four children, Eunice, Elda, Dayton, Jr., and Esther. Thomas was born in 1847 and died in 1849. The next child of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Batchelder was Helen, who was the second of that name in the family. She became the wife of James Walker, of Oakfield, Wisconsin, by whom she has eleven children: Lola, who married Oscar Hall, a cheesemaker in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, by whom she has one child, Nora; Eben, who is married and lives in Minneapolis with his wife and one child, Richard Glen; Archie, who died in 1881 at the age of five years; Leon, who passed away in the same year; Elsie, who married Henry Linwood, of Oakfield, Wisconsin, and who now lives in Lexington, Nebraska, with her husband and two children, Mavis and Miner; Erma, who died in 1881 at the age of two years; Elda, who became the wife of Irving Spillman, a machinist of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and who is now living at Anoka, Minnesota, with her husband and one child, Helen; Miner, who is engaged in the automobile business in Spokane, Washington; Phoebe who married Henry Faro, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, by whom she has one child, Eugene; Bessie, who makes her home in Fond du Lac; and Lillie, who also resides in Fond du Lac. Mathew, the subject of this sketch, was the ninth child born to his parents. Millard was born a few years after his brother Mathew. Jason married Miss Alice Butler, of Fond du Lac, and they became the parents of two children, Leon and Verna. Harlo married Miss Cora Griffith by whom he has one child, Leo. Cassie, the youngest of the children of Mathew Batchelder, Sr., became the wife of Albert Hill, proprietor of the hotel at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Hill became the parents of two children: Helen and one child who died in infancy.

Mathew S. Batchelder received his early education in the public schools of his native township. He pursued his studies up to the age of twenty years and assisted his father in the work of the farm in his leisure hours. When he was twenty-six years of age he married and started life for himself, renting his present farm which he improved and operated successfully until 1887 when he acquired the title to the property by purchase. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land in Byron township and has one of the most up-to-date farms in this section. It is equipped with the most modern and improved machinery and its barns and outbuildings have all been erected along progressive and scientific lines. Mr. Batchelder specializes in the raising of high-grade stock and is now the owner of ten head of graded cattle and six fine horses. He is an expert in this line of activity and is thoroughly ac-

quainted with the details of the care and breeding of stock. He is constantly adding to his herd and is rapidly developing this branch of his business into a productive enterprise.

On April 10, 1878, Mr. Batchelder was united in marriage to Miss Medosha Treleven, a daughter of Joseph D. and Sarah (Shuttleworth) Treleven, both natives of England. Her father was born in Cornwall in 1814 and came to Wisconsin when he was twenty-one years of age. He bought a homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres and improved and operated his holdings for some time. Mrs. Batchelder's mother was born in England in 1835 and was married in Byron township in 1851. To this union were born two children. The eldest one is Medora, whose birth occurred in 1855 and who later married Uriah Stroup, of Byron township, by whom she has had seven children: Francis, born in 1875; Lorabel, who died in 1877; Fred; Marabelle, who passed away in 1886; Marian; Everard U., who died in 1911; and Helen, who passed away in 1896. The other daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Treleven is Medosha, the wife of the subject of this review.

Politically Mr. Batchelder gives his allegiance to the republican party and takes an active and intelligent interest in the affairs of his community. He served as town chairman from 1889 to 1891 and has been justice of the peace for fifteen years. He also did able work for a long time as road supervisor and his public life has always been distinguished by marked ability and energy. Developing agricultural conditions have rapidly evolved a modern science from what was once a haphazard occupation. Mathew Batchelder has kept abreast of the times and his farm and its equipment are fitting representations of a high degree of modern and advanced development.

JOHN ARTHUR LOOP.

John Arthur Loop owns and operates a fine farm of ninety-five acres on section 32, Springvale township. He purchased this tract of land in October, 1908, and during the four years of his management has made it one of the finest and best improved properties in the section in which he resides. Mr. Loop was born in Le Roy, Dodge county, Wisconsin, on June 2, 1868, and is a son of John M. and Emma (Kniver) Loop. His father was born in New York state and is of New England parentage. He followed agriculture in his native section for some years but came to Wisconsin at an early date, locating near Iron Ridge where he married. Later he and his wife moved to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and in 1876 to Waupun township where they settled upon a farm where they still reside. The father is eighty-seven years old and still active although six years ago he abandoned farming. His wife was born near Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, and is of Pennsylvania Dutch parentage. To their union were born six children: Della May, the wife of John Brown, a farmer of Waupun township; John Arthur, the subject of this review; Frank Martin, who passed away in 1908 when he was thirty-seven years of age; Everett Levi, a farmer in Waupun township; Allen, who lives with his parents; and Mertie Luella, now Mrs. John Irwin of Waupun, Wisconsin.

John Loop attended school in district No. 6, Waupun township and worked at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He followed farming as a laborer for many years and when he was forty years old purchased his present farm. He operates it along progressive and modern lines and his long personal experience as an agriculturist is a valuable asset to him. He engages in general agriculture but is principally interested in stock-raising. He has a dairy herd of eight full-blooded Durhams and Shorthorns, part of which

are registered and his dairy forms one of the important branches of his enterprise.

Mr. Loop was married on October 7, 1908, to Miss Edith Brinkerhoff, a daughter of Frank and Nancy Jane (Grennell) Brinkerhoff, of whom more extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Loop has been born one daughter, Grace Elizabeth, whose birth occurred on March 30, 1910. In his political affiliations Mr. Loop is a democrat upon national questions but in local affairs retains an independent opinion.

HENRY NEHRING.

Henry Nehring, who for twenty-one years has been conducting a bottling establishment at 52 East Ninth street, Fond du Lac, is one of the enterprising citizens Germany has furnished this city. His natal day was the 25th of August, 1859, his parents being August and Henrietta (Richards) Nehring, who were likewise natives of Germany. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nehring. William married Emilga Lindert of Dodge county, Wisconsin, where they reside, and to them have been born eight children: August, William, Jr., Henry, Hugo, Amiel, Reynert, George and Herbert. Herman is married and living at Marengo, Wisconsin. Bertha became the wife of Carl Moede of Waukesha, where they continue to reside, and is the mother of five children: Charles, William, Annie, Olga and Hattie.

Henry Nehring, who is the second in order of birth passed the first fifteen years of his life in his native land, where he acquired the greater part of his education. At the age of fourteen he laid aside his school books and one year later, in 1874, he emigrated to the United States with his brother William. Wisconsin was their destination, and as he did not have a trade, Mr. Nehring worked as a farm hand in Dodge county until he was twenty-one. In order to acquire a better knowledge of English he attended school at such times as he could during that period, thus becoming more familiar with the language and customs of the country. Soon after attaining his majority he went to Milwaukee and entered the employ of John Graf, where he learned the bottling business. He was an ambitious young man of earnest purpose and applied himself diligently and conscientiously to the discharge of his duties. Recognizing his trustworthiness and reliability when ready to open their establishment at White Rock Mineral Springs, the firm made him manager of their plant. He retained this position for six years, but having decided that if he could successfully conduct an enterprise of this kind for others he could do equally well for himself, he subsequently resigned his place and came to Fond du Lac. Soon thereafter he bought the H. W. Eton bottling works at 52-54-56 East Ninth street, in the conduct of which he has met with excellent success. He was thoroughly familiar with the work and in the operation of his plant and in his business transactions adopted a policy that won him the confidence and continuous patronage of those who favored him with their orders. He carries a complete line of all kinds of soft drinks.

Mr. Nehring was married while residing in Milwaukee to Miss Lena Hafe-man of that city, and to them have been born six children, three sons and three daughters: Adolph, Theodore, Henry Jr., Lydia, Alma and Esther.

The family manifest their religious views through their membership with the Lutheran church, while fraternally Mr. Nehring is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, while he maintains relations with his competitors through his connection with the Bottlers Association. Politically he is a stanch supporter of the democratic party. Mr. Nehring is highly deserving of commendation for the

success he has achieved, as he began his life in the United States as a farm hand and has through his own diligence and perseverance won an honored and respected position in the business circles of this city, where he has many friends and is held in high regard.

JOSEPH H. DIXON.

Joseph H. Dixon has been a resident of Fond du Lac county all his life and his interests have been closely allied to those of the section in which he was born. He has been a farmer in Springvale township from an early age, never having followed any other pursuit and while he is now making his residence in Brandon is yet active in the supervision of his lands. He is one of the well known sheep breeders in the district and makes a specialty of this branch of activity, which he carries on upon a fine farm of eighty-one and one-third acres in Metomen township. Mr. Dixon was born in Fond du Lac on May 30, 1863, and is a son of John and Isabelle (Murrey) Dixon, both natives of England. The father of our subject was born on August 10, 1831, and with his brother, Joseph, came to the United States at an early date, coming via Fond du Lac, Brandon being there destination. He worked for the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul Railroad at the time it was being constructed. He afterward obtained employment on a farm near Picketts and by strict economy was able in 1857 to join his brother in the purchase of forty acres in Springvale township on section 30. He kept adding to his holdings from time to time until he owned three hundred and sixty acres of productive land, well improved and in excellent condition. Upon this property he remained until the spring of 1898 when he retired from active life and moved to the village of Brandon where he died in 1904. His wife was born in England on the 28th of August, 1838. Their marriage occurred in 1861. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Daniel and Jane Murrey, natives of England, who came to America in the early '50s settling in Springvale township upon a farm. Daniel Murrey remained upon his original holdings until his death which occurred in 1862. His wife survived him ten years, dying on the 18th of October, 1872. To Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon were born four children: Joseph, the subject of this review; Jennie, who is deceased; William, who is engaged in farming in Metomen township; and Anna, the wife of Leonard Engle, a retired farmer of Brandon.

Joseph Dixon attended the district schools and spent four winters in the public schools of Brandon. He supplemented any defects in his education by wide reading and constant application and in this way fitted himself for teaching. He followed this occupation for four winter terms in the district schools but eventually abandoned it in favor of farming. He remained with his parents until his marriage which occurred in 1894 at which time he moved upon a portion of his father's homestead where he remained for three years carrying on general agricultural pursuits. At the end of that time he moved back to the old home and took charge of the operation of the farm for his father. In 1898 he moved to Brandon renting the property in Springvale township and for two years he made his home in the village. He returned, however, at the end of that time and was active in general farming upon the homestead until 1904 when he purchased the property in Brandon where he now lives and again moved into the village. He remained this time for two years coming in 1906 back to the home place which he operated and improved until 1910 selling it in that year in order to establish himself permanently in Brandon. In the same year he purchased eighty-one and one-third acres in Metomen township and he gives a general super-

vision to the extensive sheep breeding which is carried on upon this property. Mr. Dixon has been interested in this line of activity for over twenty years and has now one of the finest flocks of registered Shropshires and Hampshires in the county. For almost a quarter of a century he has never missed exhibiting his animals at the county and state fairs and has won many valuable prizes which were generally larger than those given to many of his competitors. Mr. Dixon is one of the substantial and representative men of Fond du Lac county. His life is active, useful and honorable and in the conduct of his business affairs he has won that success which comes as a reward of energy, efficiency and well directed labor.

On September 19, 1894, Mr. Dixon was united in marriage to Miss Stella Maxim, an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Maxim, well known residents of Springvale township. Mrs. Dixon was born on June 5, 1872, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and remained at home until her marriage. She and her husband have four children: Grace, born January 14, 1896, who is attending high school; Edith, who has passed away; Joseph H., whose birth occurred May 13, 1900; and Alvin J., born April 17, 1902, at home.

Joseph Dixon is well known in Brandon as a public-spirited citizen. He gives his allegiance to the republican party and never refuses public office, although he never seeks political preferment. He served as assessor from 1908 to 1909 and was town clerk for three years. At the next election he was a candidate for the same office but was defeated by Mr. Madigan. After the latter had served one term Mr. Dixon was elected over him by three votes and served for two years with such competence and conscientiousness that his fellow citizens were almost unanimous in their demand that he accept the nomination for a third term. This, however, Mr. Dixon refused to do. He is interested in the growth and progress of the village in which he resides and is an eager supporter of the local enterprises. He served on the board of trustees in Brandon one year and a half and is at present secretary and one of the directors of the Farmers Elevator Company and president of the Farmers Creamery Company. He is a man of varied interests, shrewd, keen, and with an active business instinct which has won him success and prosperity in many different fields. He has been prosperous as a farmer but has not at any time allowed himself to become detached from the interests of his fellow citizens, striving always to do his duty and to keep up social intercourse with his friends.

WILLIAM E. SMITH.

William E. Smith is the proprietor and manager of the Bijou, one of the most popular and best patronized moving picture theaters in Fond du Lac. He is a native of this state, his birth having occurred in the city of Milwaukee on the 15th of March, 1859, and the eldest child born of the marriage of Joseph and Fredericka Smith. The father was born and reared in Switzerland and there he also learned the carpenter's trade. In his early manhood he emigrated to the United States, locating in Milwaukee, where for many years he was actively and successfully engaged in contracting and building. As he was a skilled and competent workman and a reliable business man he was accorded many important contracts, and had the distinction of erecting the first buildings for both the Schlitz and Blatz breweries. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, those beside our subject being as follows: Herman, who is a resident of Fremont, Nebraska; Henry, who lives at Cushing, Oklahoma; Frank, of San Diego, California; and Charles, of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Reared at home, William E. Smith pursued his early education in the pub-

lic and Holy Trinity parochial schools until he was thirteen years of age. He subsequently enlisted in the marine corps and served four years on the old Andrew Johnson revenue cutter, which was then stationed in Milwaukee harbor. In 1876, he left home and went to Fremont, Nebraska, where he again became a student in the public schools, continuing his studies for three years. At the expiration of that time he went to Kansas and learned the printer's trade. After following this vocation for five years, he returned to Fremont and for seventeen years was foreman of the Fremont Tribune. From there he came to Fond du Lac and founded the Trade Bulletin, which journal he edited for three or four years. He then withdrew from newspaper work and purchased a penny arcade, which he conducted for five years. In the mean time, motion pictures were becoming very popular and readily recognizing that this was something more than a fad and was going to be the popular amusement of the future, Mr. Smith established the Bijou. This is a very attractive theater and no expense has been spared in its equipment. Both pictures and music are above the average to be found in houses of this kind, and as a result he enjoys an excellent patronage.

Mr. Smith married Miss Alice Matson a native of England and a daughter of one of Fond du Lac's pioneer settlers, and to them has been born one son, Fremont, who is married and engaged in the printing business in this city.

In matters of faith Mr. Smith is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, and Mrs. Smith is an Episcopalian. Fraternally Mr. Smith is affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum, Equitable Fraternal Union and Royal Highlanders. He is a public-spirited man and belongs to the Business Men's Club, giving his cooperation and indorsement to its various movements. In politics he is a republican. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are most estimable people and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance among the citizens of Fond du Lac where they have many friends.

FRANK G. HENSKE.

Frank G. Henske, junior member of the firm of Henske & Son, which operates one of the largest contracting and lumbering enterprises in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, was born in Brandon, this state, on July 17, 1876. He is a son of Fred and Amelia (Welk) Henske, both natives of Germany. His father was born on April 7, 1849, and followed the trade of cabinet-making in his native country until he was twenty-three years of age. At that time he came to the United States, locating first in Trenton township, Fond du Lac county, where he lived upon a farm. He followed agriculture upon his original place of settlement for two years and then went to Waupun, Wisconsin, where he engaged in cabinet-making. He came to Brandon and worked at his trade in the employ of Mr. Herman for several years. He later took up independent carpenter work and was successful in this until 1897, when he joined with his son in the operation of their present extensive lumber enterprise. He is still an active and hearty man and prominent in business and political life. He has been a member of the Brandon village board for several terms and he and his wife are well known in religious circles as members of the Lutheran church.

Frank G. Henske is an only child. He was educated in the public schools of Brandon and at an early day learned the carpenter's trade under the able supervision of his father. He followed this line of occupation until 1897, when

he joined his father in their present contracting and building business. The enterprise is operated under the name of Henske & Son, and is one of the largest establishments of this kind in Fond du Lac county. Mr. Henske is its directing manager and the controlling figure in its policy. He has given much of his time and attention to expansion of the business with which he is connected along modern and progressive lines, and to the increasing of its output and enlarging of his mill. In all of these ambitions he has achieved success and is representative of high standards of business honor and morality.

In 1906 Mr. Henske was united in marriage to Miss Rosie Vedder, a daughter of August and Sophia Vedder, the former of whom was a native of Germany, born on May 27, 1829.

Politically Mr. Henske gives his allegiance to the republican party but has never been an office seeker. He is interested in the Brandon Telephone Company, in which he holds the office of vice president. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Brandon, Wisconsin, and is interested in the promotion of any movement looking toward the future welfare of his section. He has sought his success along commercial lines and has gained the reward of his industry and energy in increased business efficiency. He is energetic, straightforward and honorable and measures up to the highest standards of his own code and of present-day business ethics.

JULIUS KOENTOP.

Julius Koentop owns an excellent farm on section 27, Springvale township, comprising one hundred and fifty-two acres of well improved land, and is here carrying on general farming and operating an extensive and carefully managed dairy. He was born in Germany in March, 1870, and is a son of August and Jennie (Hoft) Koentop, natives of the fatherland. The parents came to the United States in 1890, locating in Rosendale township, Fond du Lac county, where they made their home with their daughter Amelia, the wife of William Holland, who is a prosperous farmer of Springvale township. They were both past seventy when they came to America and made the long journey in order to be near their children in the last years of their lives. The father died November 30, 1900. He had been active and prosperous in Germany, where he followed farming until the time of his removal to the United States, when he retired and enjoyed a well deserved rest until his death. His wife survived him three years, dying on June 5, 1903. To Mr. and Mrs. August Koentop were born six children, four of whom are living: William, of Rosendale, Wisconsin; Julius, the subject of this sketch; August, of Springvale township; and Amelia, who married William Holland, of the same section.

Julius Koentop attended school in Germany and came to the United States in 1887, locating at Rosendale, Wisconsin, where he worked in the employ of his brother William for one summer. He worked out on farms for twelve years and with the thrift and economy which was his natural heritage saved sufficient capital to purchase his present farm on section 27, Springvale township, comprising one hundred and fifty-two acres which he has been operating since 1900. He carries on general farming and dairying. His dairy is up to date and the buildings are kept in a sanitary condition and are equipped with modern machinery. He manages his enterprise conservatively and it has now almost doubled its original value. He keeps a herd of sixteen cows, graded Shorthorns, for dairy purposes and his products find a ready sale in the Wisconsin markets.

On March 20, 1901, Mr. Koentop was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Wilkinson, a daughter of Byron and Ida (Harmer) Wilkinson, natives of

Springvale township, where the father's birth occurred on the 25th of June, 1853, and the mother's on the 23d of July, 1855. The parents have been residents of this section during their entire lives and are today living on a farm in the township. Mr. Wilkinson rents his land and is an active and intelligent agriculturist. He is numbered among the native sons of the section and has the distinction of being among the first white children born in Fond du Lac county, his father being one of the early pioneers. To Mr. and Mrs. Koentop have been born three children: Harold, who was born April 15, 1902, and who is now attending school in joint district No. 10, Springvale township; a son, born in January, 1911, who died in infancy; and Margaret, born July 22, 1912. Mrs. Koentop is a native of Metomen township, where her birth occurred on the 21st of January, 1878. She remained at home until her marriage, which was solemnized in the Rosendale Methodist Episcopal parsonage. She is one of six children born to her parents. The others are: Carrie, who makes her home in Green Lake county, Wisconsin; Mina, now Mrs. Joseph Henning, of Eldorado township; Byron, who lives at home with his parents on the farm in Springvale township; Luella, a school teacher; and one child who died in infancy.

In his political affiliations Julius Koentop is a republican but is not an office seeker. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church, to which religion his wife also gives her allegiance. He keeps his farm in a good condition, is progressive and pursues a consistent policy of expansion and development. In attaining solid and substantial success he has aided in the evolution which is making agriculture a profession.

ROBERT HAENTZE.

Robert Haentze is manager of the Haentze Company, one of the oldest and best established greenhouses in Fond du Lac, with salesrooms and office located at 414 Linden street. He was born in this city on the 29th of February, 1868, and is a son of Ernest and Caroline (Beck) Haentze, natives of Germany. The father, who was born January 17, 1839, emigrated to the United States when a youth of seventeen years, arriving in Wisconsin on the 15th of January, 1856. Here forty-seven years ago he established the business that is now being operated under the name of the Haentze Company. As he had but limited capital it was necessary for him to begin in a small way, but he was very successful, and when he retired he was using eight acres of ground, a large portion of which he had under glass. Four of his children, Robert, Ernest, Richard and Anna, are actively and financially interested in the business, which is in a thriving condition and is yielding good dividends. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Haentze numbered eight, Charles, Edward, Robert, Caroline, Ernest, Richard, Otto and Anna. Edward, the second son, is engaged in the practice of medicine in Philadelphia. Ernest married Katherine Staeger of Kewaskum, this state. Richard married Minette Fisher of this city and they have four children: Helen, Clayton, Annaminette and one who died in infancy. Anna became the wife of Anthony Ferdinand of Fond du Lac.

The education of Robert Haentze was pursued in the public schools of this city until he had attained the age of fourteen, when he laid aside his textbooks and began assisting his father. As the work proved to be congenial he decided to make it his life vocation and upon the retirement of his father he became manager. He has given efficient service in this capacity and the business is now in a flourishing condition.

Mr. Haentze was married in Empire to Miss Mary J. Binning, and they reside at 406 Linden street. Fraternally Mr. Haentze is affiliated with the Benevo-

lent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Loyal Order of Moose, and both he and Mrs. Haentze hold membership in the Rebekahs. He votes the republican ticket and for five years was alderman from the seventh ward, while for a year and a half he was president of the council and he served on the school board for a year. Mr. Haentze is a very capable man and conducts his business transactions in such a way as to win and retain the respect of all who have dealings with him.

RUSH H. LEE.

Rush H. Lee, a member of The Fond du Lac Automobile & Tire Company, located on South Main street, was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the 9th of May, 1849. He is a son of Gay W. and Emily (Crocker) Lee, the father a native of Vermont and the mother of the state of New York. The father, who was a merchant, located in Wisconsin in 1845 and here he passed away in 1850. Four children were born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lee, our subject being the third in order of birth. Lauretta E., who is the widow of Isaac Adriance, a farmer of the town of Eden, Wisconsin by whom she had one daughter, Emily, is a resident of Fond du Lac. Phidelia, who is the next in order of birth, makes her home in this city. Allie E. lives in Los Angeles, California, and was married to S. S. Denniston, who died in 1911, and was a farmer of Fond du Lac county. They had one daughter, Fannie.

The greater part of the life of Rush H. Lee has been passed in Fond du Lac county, in the public schools of which he pursued his education until he was a youth of nineteen years. He then discontinued his lessons and began his business career as a traveling salesman and was for 25 years associated with B. Wild & Company. He was identified with wholesale houses at various times, remaining on the road for thirty-six years in all. Resigning his position in 1909, he opened the Fond du Lac Automobile Company and later formed a partnership with Henry Schwartz of Fond du Lac, known as The Fond du Lac Automobile & Tire Company. This enterprise has prospered from the first and is now numbered among the thriving activities of the city. Mr. Lee is a very capable business man and has met with more than average success in his undertakings and in addition to his business is the owner of a nice home in Fond du Lac and several other pieces of property.

Mr. Lee married Miss Etta Treleven, a daughter of John Treleven, a farmer of this county. They are both members of the Congregational church and fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. His political support he accords to the men and measures of the republican party, but has never been connected with municipal affairs in an official capacity. Mr. Lee is well known in this county and is held in high esteem in both business and social life by a large circle of friends.

GEORGE F. YERK.

George F. Yerk is engaged in the blacksmith business, owning a well equipped shop of this character in Brandon where he has been active since 1904. He was born in Mackford township, Green Lake county, on March 31, 1861, and is a son of Frederic and Minnie (Roopnoc) Yerk, natives of Germany. The father was a farmer and came to the United States in the early '60s, making his first settlement in Alto township where he followed general agriculture. He later went to Green Lake county where he purchased eighty acres of land upon

which he has since remained. His wife came to America about three years after his arrival in this country and located in Green Lake county. They were the parents of four children: George F., the subject of this sketch; Bertha, the wife of William Meinke, a farmer of Wood county; Frank, a hardware merchant of Brandon; and Henry, who is operating the old home farm.

George Yerk was educated in the district schools of his native section and took up the study of engineering when he had completed his regular course. He came to Brandon in order to accept a position in the employ of Wheeler & Brandon, later leaving this field of activity in order to work as a threshing machine operator. In 1904 he established his present blacksmith shop and has given his attention to this business since that time. His trade has steadily grown, having a firm foundation of success in Mr. Yerk's industry and intelligent activity. He has a large and constantly increasing patronage, showing that the work which he does is done well. Prosperity has come to him because he has worked diligently to obtain it. He has a comfortable home in the village and is interested in public progress, being a stockholder in the local telephone company. He believes in the future of Brandon and is anxious to do his part in promoting it although he gives most of his time and attention to conducting his business in a modern and progressive way.

Mr. Yerk was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Lefler, a daughter of Gollip and Amelia Lefler, natives of Germany. The father was a farmer who came to the United States at an early date and settled in Alto township for a time, later removing to Green Lake county where he rented land for some time and later bought sixty acres upon which he remained until his death which occurred in 1897. His wife is still living upon the farm. They were the parents of two children: William, who is engaged in farming in Green Lake county; and Augusta, the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Yerk have three children: Erwin, born June 3, 1899; Mable, who was born July 24, 1904; and Emma, whose birth occurred October 8, 1910.

In his political beliefs Mr. Yerk is a consistent republican and always votes the party ticket. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Brandon. His success has been gradual but steady and is founded upon upright methods and honorable standards. He has gained that prosperity which results from earnest and well directed effort and he is accounted among the leading business men in the village.

JOHN W. ROSENBAUM.

John W. Rosenbaum, organizer and president of the Rosenbaum Construction Company, has been identified with the building interests of Fond du Lac for the past eleven years, and is regarded as one of the foremost contractors in the city. He was born in Forest, this county on the 8th of April, 1877, and is a son of John and Louisa (Weber) Rosenbaum, natives of Germany. The father, whose natal year was 1849, emigrated to the united States with his parents, who located in Wisconsin in the vicinity of the town of Forest, about 1852. There he was reared to manhood and subsequently met and married Miss Weber, who came to this country with her people when a child of ten years. The grandparents in both lines were farming people, as was also the father. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rosenbaum, the elder of whom, Charles, who is now engaged in the practice of dentistry at Milwaukee, was born in 1873 and married Gertrude Brost of Fond du Lac county.

Reared on the farm where he was born, in the acquirement of his education John W. Rosenbaum attended the public schools of Forest until he was a youth of fourteen years. He then laid aside his text-books and gave his en-

tire attention to the work of the farm in which he had been assisting his father from early boyhood. He went to work at the carpenter's trade at the age of nineteen and three years later he engaged in contracting and building in the country. Feeling that he was fully qualified to engage in business on a more extensive scale at the expiration of that time he came to Fond du Lac and opened a business as a general contractor. As he is enterprising and diligent and conducts his transactions in a strictly honorable and straightforward manner he met with success from the first and in February, 1912, he organized the Rosenbaum Construction Company. He is president of this enterprise, while Paul Sielaff is vice president and John Sommerfeldt, secretary and treasurer. The company fill their contracts in a prompt, systematic manner, employ the services of skilled mechanics and give their personal supervision to every order, and as a result they are accorded an extensive patronage and are building up a profitable business.

Mr. Rosenbaum married Miss Rose Jahn, a daughter of William Jahn, a well known tailor of this city, and to them have been born three children: Chester, Louis and Eileen.

The family are members of the Lutheran church and he is a member of the Aid Association of the Lutherans, the Royal Order of Moose and the Equitable Fraternal Union. He also belongs to the Business Men's Association and is vice president of the Builders Exchange of Fond du Lac. His political support he accords to the republican party. Mr. Rosenbaum has been alderman from the seventh ward for two years, and in 1909 was elected to the office of supervisor of the same district, which office he now holds. In addition to his fine business he owns some property in the city, including a very pleasant residence at 69 East Eleventh street, which is the family home. Mr. Rosenbaum possesses the thrift and energy as well as the determination of purpose that characterize the German people, and to this fact must be attributed much of the success that has attended his efforts.

BURR W. DAVIS.

Burr W. Davis is one of the respected and well known citizens of Waupun, Wisconsin, where he is engaged in the general banking business and enjoys the distinction of being the oldest banker in the city in which he lives. He was born in Mackford township, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, in 1855, and is the son of Trayton and Velois (Cahill) Davis. The father was a native of England, and with his parents emigrated to America, settling in Ohio in 1844, and one year later the family removed to Mayville, Dodge county, Wisconsin, where they established their home. The father was by occupation a well-blaster and contractor. He later moved to Green Lake county and in 1902 he took up his home in Waupun, where he continued to live until the time of his death, which occurred in February, 1912. The maternal grandparent, P. Cahill, settled in Wisconsin in 1845 at Alto, in Fond du Lac county, where he purchased government land and was there engaged in farming. Trayton Davis and Velois Cahill were married in Metomen, Wisconsin, and they became the parents of four children. Burr W., the eldest child, is the subject of this review. Ralph F. is the secretary and treasurer of the John M. C. Marble Company of Los Angeles, California, and is also engaged in buying and selling mortgages. Lynn is engaged in the drug business in South Dakota. Mrs. Cundall, who completes the family, is a resident of California. Mr. Davis was a loyal and active member of the democratic party and a man of influence in the local councils of that political organization. Fraternally he was a member of the Masonic lodge. He was one of the well known and enterprising citizens of Wisconsin and was numbered among the most influential pioneers of Green Lake and Fond du Lac counties.

Burr W. Davis was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools, and later attended Ripon College at Ripon, Wisconsin. Immediately following the close of his school life he was engaged in teaching school for several years, after which he opened a general store at Markesan, to which he gave his undivided attention for a number of years. In 1888 he removed to Waupun and became cashier of the First National Bank. In 1889 he purchased an interest in the bank and since that time has been identified with the successful operation of that well known financial institution. The National Bank of Waupun was organized in 1885 as the First National Bank. In 1905 Burr W. Davis, C. A. Shaler, W. E. Caldwell, C. E. Hooker and L. D. Hinkley, now deceased, purchased a controlling interest in the bank, at which time it was reorganized under the name of the National Bank of Waupun, with a paid-up capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, having a surplus of thirty-six thousand dollars. The new management has enlarged and remodeled the bank in all its appointments and it is now one of the best equipped institutions of its kind in southeastern Wisconsin. Burr W. Davis served as cashier of the bank from 1888 until 1910, at which date he was elected president and in that capacity devotes his entire time and attention to the interests of the banking business, and has the distinction of being the oldest banker in the city of Waupun.

In 1880 Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Adella Cross, a daughter of Allen and Lovina (Robinson) Cross, the latter of whom was a cousin of Horace Greeley. Mr. and Mrs. Davis became the parents of one child, Allen Burr, who died in infancy and the mother passed away in 1890. In 1895 Mr. Davis wedded Miss Lillian K. Hooker and to this union two children were born, Trayton H. and George Cundall.

Mr. Davis is a member of the republican party and has been treasurer of the board of public works and also treasurer of the library board for the past ten years. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic lodge and chapter, of which he has been the secretary. He is also a member of the State Historical Society and of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society. He is especially interested in the early Indian history of the country and has done much original research work in the Indian mounds so widely distributed throughout the central and southern portions of Wisconsin, having made many maps of these ancient monuments of the prehistoric period of the Indian race, of whose history he enjoys the distinction of being one of the reliable and well known authorities. He was a member of the national monetary commission in November, 1910, and was treasurer of the Bankers Association for several years. Burr W. Davis is one of the widely known, successful business men of Fond du Lac county and is numbered among the most useful citizens of his state. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Episcopal church.

SANFORD S. PEEBLES.

For more than sixty-one years Sanford S. Peebles has been a resident of Fond du Lac county and during this period has witnessed much of the growth and development of this section of the state, ever manifesting deep interest in what has been accomplished and rejoicing in the progress that has been made. He represents one of the old pioneer families, his father, Ezra Peebles, having arrived here in 1847. Here he continued to reside throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in 1900. He was a native of Lewis county, New York, and, attracted by the opportunities of the new and growing west, came to Wisconsin casting in his lot with the early settlers of Fond du Lac county, at a period when there were still evidences of Indian occupancy and when the work of development and progress seemed scarcely begun. He married Margaret Van Valken-

berg, and they established their home upon a farm which was the birthplace of their son, Sanford S. Peebles, whose natal year was 1851. At the usual age he began his education in the district schools and his early training was that of the farm boy who works in the fields through the summer months and devotes the winter seasons to the acquirement of an education. He was about twenty-six years of age when in 1877 he established a home of his own through his marriage to Miss Amanda S. Charles, a daughter of John and Marinda Charles. Her people lived in Empire for a time and then removed to Taycheedah, Wisconsin, where the father died in 1900. The mother is now living with her son-in-law, our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Peebles began their domestic life upon the farm and as the years passed three children were added to the household, Ethen C., Ella May and Edna M. The eldest daughter is the wife of A. A. Briggs, and they have a little daughter, Gladys Eleanor, two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Peebles have many friends in the community and the hospitality of the best homes of Taycheedah township and this part of the county is freely accorded them.

For many years Mr. Peebles has resided upon the farm which is now his place of residence. It is situated on section 31, Taycheedah township and comprises one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land. He has placed many modern improvements on the farm, including substantial and commodious buildings, and he is classed with the leading and representative stock-raisers of the county, being widely known as a breeder of Holstein cattle and Percheron horses. He has purchased some thoroughbred stock and has gained an enviable reputation by reason of his success in this direction. His opinions upon the subject are largely accepted as authority by his neighbors and that he is a practical business man is indicated by the success which has attended his efforts. His son, Ethen C., is interested with his father in the raising of pure-bred stock, being an equal partner in the business. After completing a high-school course he studied a short time in the State University at Madison. The other children have all been high-school students and the eldest daughter, having graduated from the high school, pursued a short course in the Lawrence University at Appleton, Wisconsin. The family are all members of the Methodist church, taking an active and helpful interest in its work and upbuilding. Mr. Peebles belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Equitable Fraternal Union and the Fraternal Union of Green Bay. Throughout his life he has manifested qualities which have won for him high regard, which have gained for him success in business and which have established him as one of the representative and leading residents of his community.

JAMES MURRAY.

James Murray is one of the well known and respected citizens of Waupun where he is successfully engaged in the general practice of law. He was born August 22, 1877, and is a son of Edward and Annie (McKowen) Murray, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The paternal grandfather was Patrick Murray, who emigrated to the United States, settling first at Waupun in the early '60s, but later established his home on a farm near Fox Lake, where he continued to live until the time of his death. The maternal grandfather was John McKowen, who emigrated to America from Ireland and settled in Watertown, Wisconsin, in the early '50s, where he engaged in farming to which pursuit he continued to give his attention the remaining years of his life.

Edward Murray was one of the respected citizens of Waupun, in which city he maintained his home until the time of his death which occurred in March, 1911. His widow still resides there. To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murray three children were born: Mrs. Garland, who resides in Minnesota; James, of this review; and John.

James Murray was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Waupun. After completing his elementary studies, he took up the study of law under Captain Hooker of Waupun, and later was graduated from the law department of the Wisconsin University at Madison with the class of 1903. Immediately following his graduation from the university, he opened an office in Waupun where he has since been successfully engaged in the general practice of his profession.

Mr. Murray was united in marriage June 15, 1908, to Miss Nellie Carey, of Fond du Lac, a daughter of John and Mary (Rohan) Carey, and to them two children have been born, John Edward and Maurice.

Mr. Murray is independent in politics, giving the benefit of his support to the party which he believes represents the best interests of the people. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has been chairman of the county board for the past two years and also a member of the board of supervisors for eight years and has served as court commissioner for the past seven years. He is also a member of the school board of Waupun, and he and his wife are members of the Catholic church.

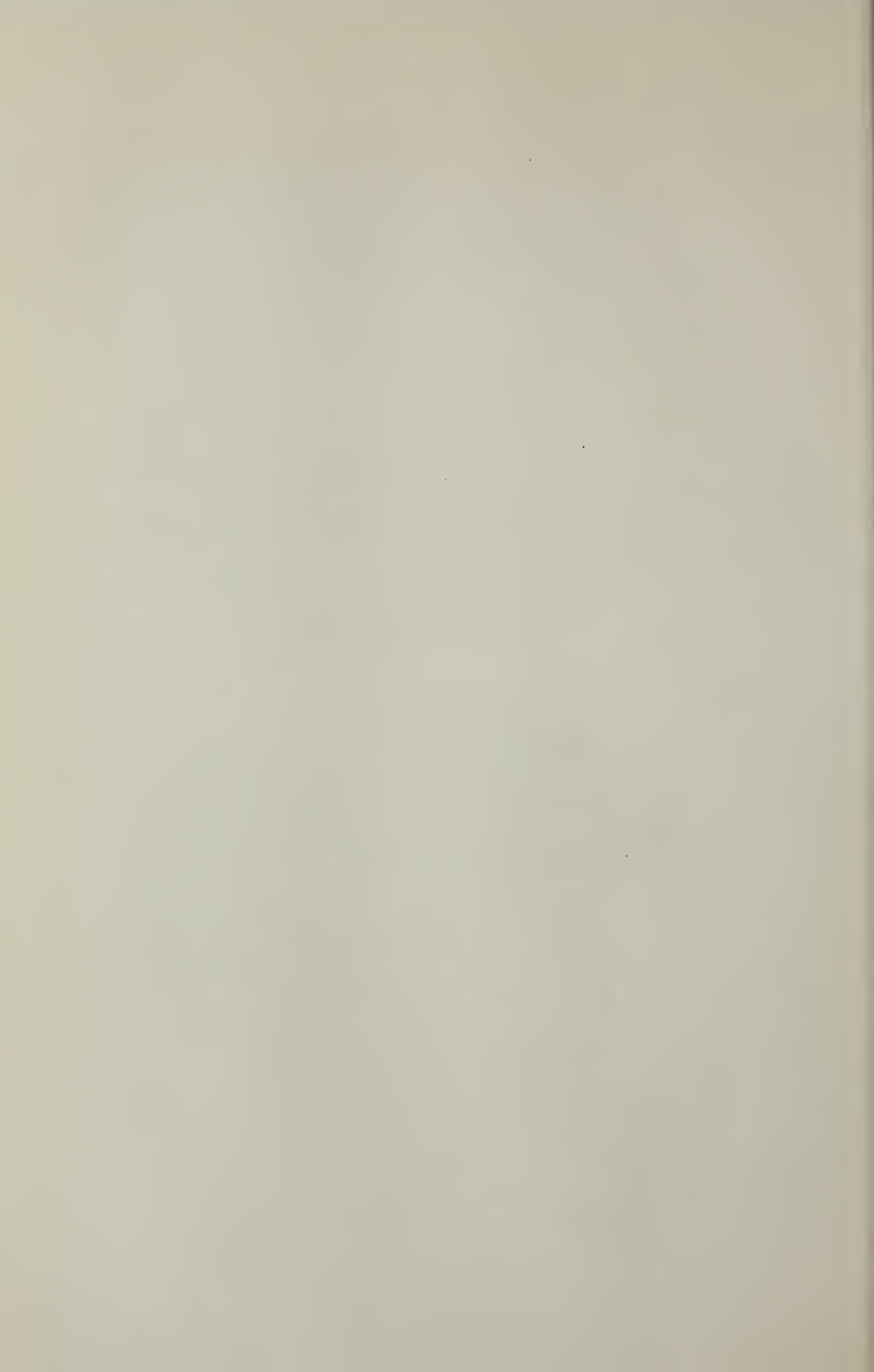
James Murray is one of the well known and successful attorneys of Fond du Lac county and a man who devotes his attention strictly to the practice of his profession. He has the esteem and confidence of all his friends and associates, and is among the most useful men of his part of the state.

HERMAN G. HASS.

Herman G. Hass, who was one of the most energetic and substantial business men of Fond du Lac, was born in Germany, March 22, 1857. He came to the United States with his parents, Frederick and Florentina Hass, in 1863. The family settled in Fond du Lac, where Frederick Hass purchased a site and entered upon an era of prosperity in connection with brick manufacturing. Two years prior to his death he associated his son Herman, who had received his education in the public schools and Professor Mann's Business College, with him in the operation of the brick plant. The latter continued in this line of business as manager of his father's plant for three or four years but eventually built a plant of his own, which he managed for fifteen years. His business was successful and he became well known as one of the prosperous manufacturers of Fond du Lac county. In 1906 he severed his connection with the brick plant and operated a sand and gravel business and also purchased a fertile and productive farm of three hundred acres in Empire township. While he personally supervised the operation of that place he maintained his residence in the city of Fond du Lac, never taking up his abode upon the farm. While he was out hunting on his farm near Lake de Neveu his gun was accidentally discharged, inflicting a serious wound. He was at once conveyed to St. Agnes' Hospital in Fond du Lac, where, surrounded by a loving family and friends, he passed away seven hours later, maintaining consciousness to the very last. The funeral services were conducted December 14, 1911, by Rev. Collins, who officiated at solemn high mass, and his remains were interred in Calvary cemetery at Fond du Lac, Mayor Frank J. Wolff, M. K. Reilly, F. J. Gruenhech, A. M. Trier, H. E. Towhig and Fred Frazier acting as pall bearers. Thus passed from this life one who had been an active and valued factor in early affairs and in business circles. For about twenty years he had been continuously in office and made an excellent record in that connection. He was alderman and supervisor from the old eighth ward of Fond du Lac and served on the board of education for twenty consecutive years. His cooperation was an important factor in advancing the public welfare along various lines.



MR. AND MRS. HERMAN G. HASS



On the 17th of October, 1883, at the St. Joseph's parsonage, Herman G. Hass was married to Miss Margaret Gahagan, the Rev. Father Trant officiating. She is a native of Sheboygan county, where her family has been well known since the early days of pioneer settlement. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hass became the parents of four children: Laura May, who died at the age of eight years; Clarence F.; Melvin H.; and Violet Marguerite.

The elder son, Clarence F., is now operating the home farm. He was born in Fond du Lac, September 23, 1884, and acquired his education in the public schools and Fountain City Business College and the University of Wisconsin summer school until nineteen years of age, after which he learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for five years in Milwaukee. He was afterward a mechanic at Port Arthur, Texas, and made that city his home for some time. Eventually he was persuaded by his father to return to Fond du Lac county and assume charge of the farm in Empire township. He has since been thus engaged and is conducting the farm along progressive and scientific lines. The place is still owned by his mother, who, however, makes her home in Fond du Lac, where she is well known in social circles, her beautiful and comfortable home being a favorite resort with her many friends.

Like the other members of the family, Clarence F. Hass is of the Roman Catholic faith, holding membership in St. Joseph church of Fond du lac. He concentrates his efforts upon his agricultural interests and the attractive and highly improved appearance of his farm shows how thorough, systematic and practical he is in his work.

HERMAN BORCHARDT.

Herman Borchardt is one of the well known, thrifty and successful general farmers of Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where his energy and efficiency in the operation of one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Springvale township, have resulted in his attaining conspicuous prosperity. He is a native of Germany where his birth occurred on November 18, 1845. His parents were William and Mina (Zahn) Borchardt, both of whom were born in the fatherland. His father was a laborer in his native country and in 1869 came with his family to the United States. He settled first in Detroit and afterward came to Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, where, in association with his son, the subject of this review, he followed farming in the employ of others. He later moved to Cooperstown and then to Montpelier township in Kewaunee county, where he resided until his death in January, 1897. His wife's death occurred long before his in Cooperstown in 1869. They had a family of five children: Herman; Henry, who is engaged in farming in Kewaunee county; Charles, of Michigan; and Nina and William, both deceased.

Herman Borchardt attended school in Germany and after laying aside his books was employed for several years as a hostler. He came to the United States with his parents in 1869, and immediately began working upon a farm in Manitowoc county. He was successful and economical and in 1875 was able to purchase his first tract of land, comprising eighty acres located in Montpelier township, Kewaunee county. Here he lived and followed agriculture for twenty-five years, adding at one time twenty acres to his holdings and conducting his enterprise along the most modern and scientific lines. In 1901 he sold his original farm and came to Fond du Lac county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Springvale township, and where he is today active as a general farmer. He is interested in stock-raising and breeds high-grade cattle and horses for the market. He conducts a sanitary and up-to-date dairy, keeping a herd of thirteen cows and this branch yields him a handsome income.

In 1873 Herman Borchardt was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Thurow, a daughter of Henry and Louise Thurow, natives of Germany. Mrs. Borchardt's parents came to the United States in 1869 and remained for some time in Detroit. They later located in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin and afterward removed to Kewaunee county, in the same state. In 1902 they took up their residence in Fond du Lac county, where the father followed farming. He is today one of the prominent agriculturists in Springvale township. To Mr. and Mrs. Borchardt have been born thirteen children, ten of whom are still living: Henry A., a farmer of Springvale township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; August, who is following agriculture in the same section and who is also mentioned on another page of this volume; Bertha, who married Herman Raube, a farmer of Springvale township, by whom she has seven children; Herman, a farmer living in Metomen township, who married Miss Rosa Nest; Ida, the wife of Robert Stark, who rents a portion of Mr. Borchardt's land and makes his home with our subject; Minnie, who married Henry Stark, a prominent agriculturist of Eldorado township, by whom she has one child; Charles, who passed away at the age of twenty-three years; Amelia, who married August Voge, a farmer of Springvale township; Laura, Esther and Alfred, all of whom live at home, and two who died in infancy.

In his political affiliations, Herman Borchardt is a republican and always votes the party ticket although he never seeks public office. He and his wife attend the German Lutheran church of Rosendale, Wisconsin. He is a farmer of the modern kind, intelligent, educated, progressive and a student of economics as applied to planting and harvesting, and in his possession of these qualities is an exemplification of a type which is raising agriculture to the position of a progressive science.

WILLIAM CARR.

William Carr, a successful and enterprising agriculturist of Eden township, is the owner of a well improved farm which annually yields tribute to his labor in golden harvests. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred in Eden township, on the 27th of February, 1863, in the old log cabin erected by his paternal grandfather. He is a son of John Carr, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to the United States with his father, Joseph, and two brothers in early manhood and settled in Wisconsin in the '50s, taking up a tract of land in Eden township, this county, that was wild and covered with heavy timber. The grandfather of our subject erected a log cabin thereon and made his home therein until called to his final rest in 1863. John Carr, the father of William Carr, enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and was killed in the service in 1864, thus laying down his life on the altar of his adopted country. Prior to his enlistment he had married Miss Hannah Frost, a native of England, who was brought to this country by her parents when seven years of age.

William Carr spent his youthful years in the acquirement of an education and in the work of the home farm, pursuing his studies during the winter months and assisting in the labors of the fields during the summer seasons. He remained on the home place until twenty-eight years of age, when he was married and moved to Iowa, where he purchased land and followed farming for three years. On the expiration of that period, preferring his native state as a place of residence, he returned to Wisconsin and purchased a farm in Eden township, in the further cultivation and improvement of which he has since been busily engaged. His labors as an agriculturist have been attended with success and he is widely recognized as a substantial and representative citizen of his community.

In 1891, Mr. Carr was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Mahoney, who was born on the old Mahoney farm, her father being James Mahoney. Unto them have been born three children, Floyd, Hazel and James. Mr. Carr is a devout communicant of St. Mary's Catholic church, to which his wife also belongs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but he has never sought nor desired office. The fact that his life has been honorable and worthy of public regard is indicated in that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from boyhood.

STEPHEN MAND.

Stephen Mand, who engages in diversified farming in Peebles township, where he owns sixty acres of land located on section 28, is a native of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred in Taycheedah in 1859. He is a son of Michael and Marie (Clausen) Mand, natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in the late '40s, coming direct to this county. Here the mother passed away in 1868 and the father on the 25th of May, 1906.

The entire life of Stephen Mand has been passed in Wisconsin. His early advantages were very limited and such education as he received was acquired in the district school. While still in his boyhood he began assisting about the farm and when a little older he went to work in the lumbering camps, cutting wood for sixty cents a cord, fifty cents of which was given in payment for his board. He applied himself earnestly and worked diligently at anything he undertook and ultimately acquired sufficient means to enable him to purchase his present farm. Ten acres of this he has cleared, while from the remainder he has removed the boulders and stones. All of the improvements on the place have been made during the period of his ownership; the development has been slow, but permanent, each year marking an advance. In connection with the cultivation of his farm Mr. Mand engages in the stone business, but the greater part of his time is devoted to the further improvement of his homestead in which he takes great pride.

In 1886, Mr. Mand was married to Miss Hannah McCabe, a daughter of Terrence McCabe, a resident of Fond du Lac county, and to them have been born seven children: Kate, Michael, who married Miss Seidel; Nora, the wife of Frederick Koenig; Peter; Mary; Margaret; and Frank.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and are members of St. Peter's parish. His political indorsement Mr. Mand gives to the democratic party, but he has never been identified with the official life of the community. His has been a hard life. Everything he possesses has been obtained through long hours of unceasing toil and by the practice of rigid economy and thrift. He finds great satisfaction in the knowledge, however, that such success as has come to him is the result of his individual effort, and that he is indebted to no one for the prosperity he is now enjoying.

WILLIAM E. RANK.

William E. Rank for many years has been successfully engaged in the general merchandising business in Waupun. He was born in that city, August 26, 1866, and is the son of Charles and Christina (Luick) Rank, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father, who was born in Putbus, Pommern, Germany, was a soldier in the German army before emigrating to America in 1848. He celebrated his marriage in Milwaukee and some time later estab-

lished his home in Waupun, settling there one year before the railroad was built into that city. He was a merchant tailor by trade and to that business continued to devote his attention until the time of his death, which occurred in 1891. The mother is still living at the age of eighty-five. They became the parents of five children: Louise, who died in infancy; Mrs. Adolf Rothe, who is a resident of Kilbourn, Wisconsin; Mrs. W. E. Brooks, residing at Waupun; C. A., a merchant of Waupun; and William E., of this review.

William E. Rank was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Waupun. He remained under the parental roof and was engaged in his father's store until the time of the latter's death. He then in company with his brother purchased the stock and continued the business under the firm name of Rank Brothers for a period of twelve consecutive years, during which time they met with gratifying success. He then sold his interest in the establishment to his brother and later purchased the general merchandising business of C. & E. W. Jones, taking in Albert Donovan as a partner in 1907 and to this he has since devoted his time.

On November 21, 1907, Mr. Rank was united in marriage to Miss Maude E. Emery, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Emery. The Emery family came from New York state. Mrs. Rank is a member of the Congregational church and he belongs to the Masonic lodge and the chapter.

HOWARD T. SACKETT, D. D. S.

Dr. Howard T. Sackett is widely known in Fond du Lac, where for more than thirty years he has been actively and successfully identified with both professional and business circles. For the past three years he has been secretary of the Berry Rail Clamp Company, but prior to that he was engaged in the practice of dentistry. He is a native of the state of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Tallmadge on the 13th of June, 1852. His parents were Hiram and Eliza A. (Treat) Sackett, likewise natives of Tallmadge, to whom were born nine children, our subject being the second in order of birth.

Dr. Sackett was reared in the town of his birth and received his early education in its graded and high schools. Having decided upon a professional career he subsequently matriculated in the dental department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, that state, from which institution he was awarded the degree of D. D. S. with the class of 1879. Immediately thereafter he returned to Ohio and established an office at Cuyahoga Falls, which he maintained for two years. From there he came to Fond du Lac in 1881, continuing to engage in the practice of dentistry in this city during the succeeding twenty-eight years. As he was painstaking and skilful and did his work thoroughly he succeeded in building up a lucrative practice, and was recognized as one of the representative members of his profession. Having devoted thirty years of his life to the work, Dr. Sackett decided in 1909 upon a change, so he sold his practice and turned his attention to commercial activities. He has ever since been secretary of the Berry Rail Clamp Company of this city, and has manifested the same efficiency and capability in the discharge of his business duties that characterized him as a dental practitioner.

In the early years of his professional career in Fond du Lac, Dr. Sackett was married to Miss Hattie Brown, a daughter of Edwin and Ruth (Pier) Brown, the father a native of New Berlin, New York, and the mother of this city. Edwin Brown came to Fond du Lac when a young lad with his father, Isaac Brown, an architect and builder, who had the distinction of erecting the first courthouse in this county, and also many other business and public buildings as well as some of the finest residences of the pioneer period. Here he

was educated and reared to manhood, an attorney by profession, and when the call came for troops during the early days of the Civil war he went to the front as Captain of Company E of the Sixth Wisconsin Infantry, and was killed on the battlefield of Antietam in September, 1862. Mrs. Sackett belongs to an equally distinguished pioneer family in the maternal line, her grandfather having been Edward Pier, who was not only one of the city's leading business men but for many years he was prominently identified with local business affairs. He was born in Vermont. He was a man of more than average foresight and sagacity and through his determination of purpose and resourcefulness inspired the confidence in his fellow townsmen that made him a leader in both commercial and political affairs. During the greater part of his business career he was identified with local banking circles, having been president of both the Bank of Northwest, now First National, and the Fond du Lac Savings banks. He was a member of the first board of county supervisors, of which he was president for ten years, and he also served as county treasurer for several terms. He was also state senator from this district and for ten years was superintendent of the poor, while at one time he was a member of the board of trustees of the state insane asylum at Madison. The "Old Pier" homestead, which was built in 1837, was the first house erected in Fond du Lac.

Dr. and Mrs. Sackett have three children: Edwin H., of Billings, Montana; Arthur J., of Washington, D. C.; and Ruth E. They are members of the Episcopal church and fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, while in politics he is a republican. While engaged in the practice of dentistry he was a member of the Wisconsin State Dental Association, of which he was at one time president, and for a year he served as president of the local dental society. Dr. Sackett is held in high regard in both professional and business circles in the city while to himself and family is extended the hospitality of the best homes. During the thirty-one years of his residence here he has shown himself to be a man of sterling worth and integrity and so lives his life from day to day as to entitle him to the respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

ROBERT P. BIRSCHBACH.

Robert P. Birschbach, owning a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Taycheedah township, is extensively engaged in dairy farming and also raises live stock to some extent. His birth occurred in Forest township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, in 1873 his parents being Anton and Gertrude (Fuhrmann) Birschbach, the former a native of Germany and the latter of this country. His paternal grandfather was Christian Birschbach.

Robert P. Birschbach early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. The work of the fields has claimed his attention throughout his entire business career. The farm which he now owns and operates embraces one hundred and twenty acres of land and is well improved in every particular. When the property first came into his possession he replaced the old buildings thereon by a new barn and such other outbuildings as are necessary for the shelter of grain and stock. He is extensively engaged in dairy farming and also raises considerable stock, which he sells principally to local buyers at Fond du Lac. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with success and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a representative and substantial citizen of his native county.

In 1899 Mr. Birschbach was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Schmitz, whose parents are numbered among the old settlers of Taycheedah township.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children, all of whom are living except Albert, who passed away when quite young.

At the polls Mr. Birschbach casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the democratic party. The cause of education has always found in him a stanch champion and for the past five years he has served as school clerk. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Catholic church. A man of high worth and sterling integrity, Mr. Birschbach is widely respected and esteemed in the county where his entire life has been spent.

CHARLES A. RANK.

Charles A. Rank is among the best known and most successful business men of Waupun, where he is engaged in the conduct of a general merchandising business. He was born September 5, 1847, and is a son of Charles F. C. and Christina (Luick) Rank, both of whom were natives of Germany. A more extended review of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. C. Rank is published in the biography of W. E. Rank, in another portion of this work.

Charles A. Rank received his early education in Waupun, passing through the lower grades and completing his studies in the high school of that city. Leaving school he was engaged in a machine shop for three and a half years, and afterward was associated with his father in the merchandising business until the time of the latter's death. In January, 1892, in partnership with his brother he engaged in business, in which they continued until 1903, at which time he purchased his brother's interest in the place. He has since, as sole owner, given his entire time to the operation of a general merchandising store, in which enterprise he has been very successful.

Charles A. Rank was united in marriage in 1892 to Miss Eva Mosher, a daughter of Asa and Deborah Mosher. The parents of Mrs. Rank were among the early residents of Waupun. For some years they lived in Minnesota but later moved back to Waupun, Wisconsin. Mr. Mosher died on February 5, 1906, and his wife on November 1, 1908. Mr. Rank is one of the well known citizens of Waupun and in the business circles of this portion of the state he is known to be a man of strict integrity in business transactions and in every way worthy of the confidence of the people.

JOHN SEIBEL.

John Seibel devotes his time and energies to the operation of a farm of ninety-four acres, which he owns on section 2, Taycheedah township. His birth occurred at Taycheedah, Fond du Lac county, on July 11, 1861, his parents being Henry and Elizabeth (Feffer) Seibel, both of whom were natives of Germany. John Seibel attended the district schools in his youthful years but his educational advantages were limited, for his assistance was required in the work of the home farm. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career. He now owns a farm of ninety-four acres on section 2, Taycheedah township, and all of the improvements thereon were made by himself. Moreover, when the property first came into his possession he found it necessary to clear away the timber before the land was ready for the plow. The place is well improved and productive and is planted to corn, barley and oats, which Mr. Seibel sells to local dealers.

In 1892, John Seibel was united in marriage to Miss Anna Oldenberg, a native of Friendship township, this county, where her parents resided until they passed away. Our subject and his wife have one son, Arthur, who is under the parental roof. John Seibel is a republican in politics and at one time served on the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Fond du Lac county and are well and favorably known here.

JOSEPH CARBERRY.

A short distance out on the Oshkosh road stands the old Carberry Corners, which has been the seat of the family of that name for many years. Its present inhabitant is Joseph Carberry, who has made it his home since 1892 and has improved the farm land surrounding it until it is now one of the most valuable tracts of cultivated land in the vicinity.

Joseph Carberry was born in Friendship township and was a son of Charles and Mary (McDebitt) Carberry. His early education was received in the public schools of his native township and he was a graduate of the high school of Fond du Lac county. He has followed the career of farming since he entered upon his active life. His methods are efficient, his equipment modern, and his interest in his chosen field of labor has been unwavering since he commenced his business activities in 1888. In that year he settled on a farm in Empire to the cultivation of which he gave his energies and talents, when he removed to his ancestral homestead of Carberry Corners. The fertile fields surrounding the house have improved under his direction and control to a remarkable extent. His talent for farming is inborn, and the success in this line is a result of a natural tendency toward agricultural pursuits and hard work in the development of the resources which he has at hand. He is well known in local circles and held the position of town clerk for six years, making a record in that office which has seldom been equalled. He is a charter member of the Wisconsin National Guards. His career since its beginning has been marked by great industry and an appreciation of the value of uninterrupted labor which is the foundation of all true success.

IRWIN D. SMALLEY.

Irwin D. Smalley, who owns and operates a farm in Friendship township, is one of Fond du Lac county's enterprising and progressive agriculturists. He was born in this county in 1880 and is a son of Delos and Avena (Velie) Smalley. The father was a native of Orange county, New York, and the mother was born in Milwaukee. They came to Fond du Lac in 1878, making this county their home.

After leaving high school Irwin D. Smalley attended the Northwestern University Dental School, at Chicago, Illinois, after which he qualified himself for the dental profession in the Milwaukee Dental College. Soon after being awarded his degree he engaged in practice in Watertown, this state, and also in Milwaukee, but eight years ago he gave up the practice of his profession and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he is following with gratifying success. He is diligent and enterprising in whatever he undertakes and is directing his activities with the intelligence and foresight that invariably bring prosperity.

The lady who now bears the name of Mrs. Smalley was known in her maiden-

hood as Elizabeth Mason, and is a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Smalley are the parents of one son, Roland, who is nine years of age. They are held in high regard in the community where they reside and are accorded the hospitality of the best homes.

BENJAMIN F. MOORE.

Indelibly inscribed on the pages of Fond du Lac's history is the name of Benjamin F. Moore, who in pioneer times became allied with the work of development in this part of the state. For more than a half century he was closely associated with business affairs in Fond du Lac and his labors were of far-reaching and beneficial effect, contributing to public progress and prosperity as well as to individual success. He was honored and respected wherever known but most of all where he was best known, for his life measured up to the highest standards of manhood. In him there was nothing sinister or anything to conceal and his frankness and cordiality of address indicated a man ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities. It has often been remarked that no man has done more for the advancement of Fond du Lac county and his memory is still cherished by all who knew him. He was one of New England's native sons, his birth having occurred in Clinton, Maine, July 10, 1819. He represented one of the old families of that section of the country, tracing his ancestry back through generations of sturdy pioneers, men who in strange lands and amid adverse circumstances carved their own way and made their fortunes. The first representatives of the name in this country were among the early Puritan residents of Massachusetts, having come from Andover, England, and taken part in founding the town of that name in Massachusetts. This was about the year 1684 and the emigrant ancestor bore the name of Abraham Moore. He was the father of Lieutenant Joseph Moore, who received a grant of land of five hundred acres located at Chelmsford, Massachusetts. He was probably the first settler on the site of the present city of Lowell, Massachusetts, where the family was represented through several generations. A small portion of the original grant is still in possession of members of the family.

Benjamin F. Moore was a son of Colonel Herbert Moore, who was born at Chelmsford in 1766. His youthful days were spent in a region where occurred some of the most interesting events that figure in the history of the Revolutionary war. He witnessed some of the incidents of the battle of Lexington and his recollection of the red-coated British soldiers as he first saw them lingered with him to the end of his life. The early military scenes which he witnessed and the tales which he heard of the heroic struggles of the members of the patriot army so awakened his own interest and zeal that he ran away from home when but a youth of sixteen and enlisted with the Continental troops, remaining in the service until the close of the war. He was one of the soldiers of the victorious army that Washington disbanded at Cambridge after its splendid mission had been accomplished. At a later date he saw further military service when troops were called out to suppress Shay's rebellion and once more he was on active duty in the War of 1812, commanding a regiment of troops stationed at Fort Edgecomb to protect the settlers of that portion of the Atlantic coast region from the depredations of British privateers. Shortly before the close of the eighteenth century Colonel Moore established his home in what was then known as the province of Maine and became a prominent and influential citizen of the town of Clinton and afterward of Winslow, to

which place he removed. He was engaged quite extensively in supplying the agents of the Spanish government with ship timber and other products brought to this country by the trading vessels of that period.

Benjamin F. Moore was a lad of but five years when the family removed from Clinton to Winslow. He was the tenth among thirteen children, twelve of whom reached adult age. He acquired his education in private schools of Winslow but when about thirteen years of age, owing to the death of his mother and to financial reverses which overtook his father, he was unable to continue his education as had been planned and, leaving the academy at Waterville, where he was preparing for college, he went to Augusta, Maine, and accepted the position of "devil" in the printing office of the Kennebec Journal, which paper was afterward edited by the Hon. James G. Blaine. He made rapid advancement in mastering the printer's trade and had become quite proficient as compositor when he left the Kennebec Journal after a little less than a year's service and went to Philadelphia to enter the employ of his elder brothers, who were there engaged in the dry-goods business. Four years were spent in that city, at the end of which time he went to New York, where he entered the employ of still another brother, who was a merchant of the metropolis. In 1841, however, he left the east with Wisconsin as his destination, making the trip in company with a brother-in-law, who was the possessor of considerable capital and who admitted Mr. Moore to a partnership in a business established at Taycheedah, about three miles from the present site of Fond du Lac, although Mr. Moore at that time had no capital. Wisconsin was still under territorial rule and the city of Fond du Lac had not yet been founded. The system of navigation, too, was developed to only a slight degree and it required eighteen days for Mr. Moore to go from Green Bay to Taycheedah with a stock of merchandise which he and his partner had brought from the east. It seemed that the seeds of civilization had scarcely been planted in this part of the state, for a large portion of the territory was still occupied by Indian tribes and the red men were among the best patrons of the Taycheedah store. However, the trade of that establishment extended over a wide area of country and the business was successfully conducted until 1846, when Mr. Moore sold out. In the meantime his ready recognition and appreciation of opportunity had led him to extend his efforts into other fields. He became interested in the manufacture of lumber and built the first sawmill on Wolf river at the outlet of Lake Shawano. The first steamboat to navigate Wolf river was sent up under his direction and at his expense to clear the river of obstructions and open up navigation between Lake Winnebago and the lumber camp which he established. The trip was not entirely free from disaster and, in fact, there were unusual difficulties to encounter and overcome. On one occasion, when opposite the outlet of Lake Shawano, the main crank of the engine of the little steamer broke and a trip across the country to Green Bay was necessary to secure a new one. Two strong men were picked out to make the trip on foot and they returned to Lake Shawano with a crank, having carried it the entire distance strapped to a pole which rested on their shoulders. The lumber enterprise not proving profitable at that time, Mr. Moore sold his mill and for some years was interested mainly in real-estate transactions in different parts of Wisconsin. In 1853 he became a part owner of a small steamer sailing on Lake Winnebago and a little later he purchased the Plytona, which he refitted. It had previously been operated at a loss by its former owner but it soon became a profitable undertaking to Mr. Moore. Later from time to time he purchased other boats until he had a fleet of seven steamers sailing on the rivers and lake. He disposed of these in 1857 and afterward gave his attention to various business enterprises, most of which brought him substantial success. In 1874, however, he concentrated his energies at Fond du Lac, joining with other enterprising men in purchasing the La Belle Wagon Works, which up to that time had not proven a good investment. Excellent business management and

carefully formulated plans, however, soon wrought a change in this connection and Mr. Moore purchased the entire plant and guided its destiny in such a manner that it became one of the large and profitable productive industries of this part of the state. In 1880 he reorganized the business as a stock company, of which he became president, and when a few years later he desired to retire from active business he sold his interests, realizing a handsome fortune for this enterprise, which he had developed into one of mammoth proportions. In the meantime his labors had been crowned with substantial success, placing him among the most prosperous residents of his part of the state.

On October 27, 1844, occurred the marriage of Benjamin F. Moore and Miss Eliza M. Conklin, a native of New York, who had come to Wisconsin with her parents a few years before. Mr. and Mrs. Moore became the parents of ten children, nine of whom survived the father: Edwin M., of North Adams, Massachusetts; Henry C., who resides in Fond du Lac; Alfred L., who makes his home in Moline, Illinois; C. Herbert, living in Spokane, Washington; James M., residing in Portland, Oregon; George, of New York city; Mrs. Mary M. Wyatt and Mrs. Jessie M. Steenberg, both of this city; and Mrs. Augusta M. Hiner, living in Chicago. In 1846 Mr. Moore established his home in Fond du Lac and there continued to reside until his death, which occurred February 18, 1904. Through the long years of his residence here he had become recognized not only as one of the foremost citizens of Fond du Lac but also as one of the leading men of the state. He had a personal acquaintance and warm friendship with such men as Governor J. D. Doty, Morgan L. Martin, Solomon Juneau, Byron L. Kilbourn, George H. Walker and others whose names are inseparably associated with the history of the state. Mr. Moore was at one time a member of the state legislature, serving in that body in 1853. On the organization of the republican party he joined its ranks and was one of its stalwart advocates, yet he was in no way a politician, preferring to do his public service as a private citizen. He concentrated his energies upon business affairs which constantly grew in volume and importance, and while carefully conducting his individual interests he was also active in his support of projects to which are directly traceable the growth and upbuilding of the city. He was a man of kindly spirit, ever honorable and straightforward, regarding it more as a matter of religion to aid his fellowmen than to observe religious forms and ceremonies. Upright and manly actions constituted his life, an example that any might well follow. All through his business career he followed constructive methods, never taking advantage of the necessities of another but improving every opportunity in a way that not only brought to him individual success but also promoted general prosperity.

AUGUST P. RUH.

August P. Ruh, who is conducting a drug store at 179 South Main street, Fond du Lac, was born in Hartland, this state, on the 21st of April, 1875. He is a son of the Rev. M. P. and Anna (Monsen) Ruh, both natives of Norway. The father who emigrated to the United States in 1850, first located in Minnesota, but later he went to St. Louis, where he completed his education and qualified himself for the Lutheran ministry. The mother came to this country in 1866, and here she met Mr. Ruh, to whom she was married on the 12th of May, 1867. To them were born six children, our subject being the fourth in order of birth.

The early education of August P. Ruh was acquired in the public and high school of New Lisbon, Wisconsin, his course being completed in the college at Decorah, Iowa, in 1890. He then took up the study of pharmacy under

Professor R. E. W. Sommers, now at Marquette College, Milwaukee. He passed the state board examination in June, 1898. He then became the prescription clerk for C. S. Little of Appleton, staying with him for two years, going from there to Wautoma where he engaged in the drug business for a year and a half. He disposed of his store there and coming to Fond du Lac, he together with W. A. Sallade bought his present place of business at 179 South Main street. He bought Mr. Sallade's interest in December, 1910. He is in a good location, has an attractive store and keeps a full line of drugs and such sundries as are usually to be found in drug stores, is the Rexall agent for his city, and enjoys a large and constantly increasing patronage. Mr. Ruh is an active member of the Business Men's Association and gives his full indorsement to the various progressive movements they inaugurate. In his political views he is republican, believing that the principles of that body are best adapted to forward the welfare of the country.

H. J. HARTGERINK.

H. J. Hartgerink is one of the enterprising and successful business men of Waupun, and as president of the well known Palma Shoe Company he is devoting his entire time to the interests of that corporation. He was born in Alto township, Fond du Lac county, April 16, 1863, and is a son of John and Katie (Lohuise) Hartgerink. The paternal grandfather emigrated to America with his family at an early day, establishing his home in Chicago where he continued to live during the remaining days of his life. After his death his widow removed with her family to Fond du Lac county and settled upon a farm and there continued to live until the time of her death which occurred when our subject was about three years of age. John Hartgerink, the father of our subject, was born in Holland in 1842, and with his parents came to the United States, settling in Chicago for a short time before moving to a farm in Fond du Lac county, since which time he was continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits until he retired from active life. His wife passed away in March, 1910. They became the parents of seven children, all of whom are living.

H. J. Hartgerink was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Wisconsin. He remained under the parental roof until nineteen years of age at which time he went to Milwaukee and there learned the carpenter and builder's trade, after which he returned to Waupun and engaged in the building and construction business in which he continued for a number of years during which time he built many of the public buildings and residences of that city. He also organized with Mr. Schaler, the Schaler-Hartgerink Umbrella Company with which he was identified for some time and in 1903 sold his interest in the business. In 1904 he became one of the principal stockholders in the Palma Shoe Company of Waupun, of which corporation he has since been the president and has devoted his entire time to its interests. The Palma Shoe Company is a Wisconsin corporation capitalized for fifty thousand dollars and opened its doors for business on October 6, 1904. The principal offices and manufacturing plant are installed in a building thirty-six by one hundred and twenty feet, three stories high, and require in its manufacturing department twelve thousand, nine hundred and sixty square feet of floor space in addition to the room used for the steam power plant which is also installed under the same roof. The company employs seventy to eighty skilled operatives and five traveling salesmen. The Palma Shoe Company manufactures three and one-half and four dollar men's shoes exclusively, using no assembled parts in their work but manufacture their product from full leather to the finished product. The plant has an output of eighteen hundred

pair of shoes per week. The officers of this well known and successful manufacturing company are H. J. Hartgerink, president; William E. Caldwell, vice president; Oscar Hanisch, director; Samuel Darling, superintendent; and Thomas M. Turner, secretary and treasurer. The company has been very successful since its organization, and under its competent management is placed by public opinion among the most reliable and prosperous institutions of its kind in Wisconsin.

Mr. Hartgerink was united in marriage on November 20, 1885, to Miss Mary Elizabeth TeLinde, a daughter of Wessel and Anna (Newell) TeLinde, both of whom were among the early settlers of Fond du Lac county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hartgerink two children have been born, Mary Elizabeth and William, both of whom are under the parental roof. Mr. Hartgerink has served as alderman for his ward for four years, and he and his family are members of the Reformed church. Mr. Hartgerink is among the best known and highly respected citizens of Fond du Lac county, and is a man whose integrity in all business transactions has gained the unreserved confidence of the people with whom his business has brought him in contact. He is always to be relied upon to identify himself with every measure of public interest seeking the further improvement of the people, and he is in every way entitled to be numbered among the most useful and successful citizens of the state.

FRANK G. IMMEL.

Frank G. Immel is the owner of a productive farm in Fond du Lac county evolved by his father out of level prairie land and situated within a convenient distance of the town of Empire. He has been active in agricultural circles of this district for many years and is one of the most prominent representatives of that occupation in the township. He is of German ancestry. His father, Joseph Immel, was born in Darmstadt, Germany, and spent his boyhood and youth in that country. When he was twenty-four years of age he came to America, settling immediately in Fond du Lac county where he spent one year working on farms in Empire township, laboring by the month. By thrift and intelligent economy he accumulated enough money to purchase eighty acres of wild land which his son is now cultivating. He built a log cabin upon his holdings and lived in it with his family for many years. He subsequently bought eighty acres adjoining his original farm and moved into the house which was then on that place. He lived in Empire township until his death in 1885, when he was sixty-three years of age. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss Margarette Smith, a daughter of Frank Smith, one of the pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Immel were born eleven children, Eliza, Jetta, Frank G., Emily, Louis, Henry, Lena, Katherine, John, Hannah and Mamie.

Frank G. Immel was born in the log cabin which was his father's first dwelling in America, his natal day being April 23, 1863. The old Berhide school afforded him his early educational opportunities and his studies were pursued in the winter while the summer months were spent in assisting his father in the work of the farm. When he definitely laid aside his books he spent nine winters in the northern pine woods and gained a fair degree of success in lumbering. When the father died three sons, Frank, Louis and Henry, purchased from the estate one hundred acres and operated them in association with each other for ten or twelve years. They brought the land to a high state of cultivation. About 1895 Frank G. Immel purchased the interests of his two brothers in the property and became sole owner of the tract of land which he is now farming. He carried out the policy of scientific and modern agricul-

ture inaugurated by his father, and by his intelligent and capable labors soon made his property a model farm. In 1910 he built a beautiful house on it equipped with every sanitary convenience and in this he is now living with his family. Five years ago he erected a barn upon this property which is one of the largest and finest structures of its kind in Empire township. He engages in general farming and dairying and has been successful in all lines of agricultural activity. His soil is rich and productive on account of the labor and effort he has spent upon its improvement. He does an extensive business in dairy products, keeping high-grade Herefords, while a neighboring cheese factory uses his output of milk. It has been his aim and accomplishment always to keep his farm up to a high standard of modern development.

In 1898 Frank G. Immel was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Grienert, a daughter of Ernest and Matilda Grienert, pioneer settlers of Calumet county. Mr. and Mrs. Immel have five children: Milton, born March 24, 1900; Mabel, whose birth occurred July 3, 1901; Ruth, born on the 14th of July, 1903; Mildred, whose natal day was October 18, 1905; and William, born on the 18th of June, 1908. Mr. Immel belongs to the Methodist church of Forest township and is well known throughout the district as a man of exemplary public and private character. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but has always refused public office, believing in the efficacy of worthy private endeavor in promoting the public welfare.

B. PICKART.

B. Pickart is one of the sturdy and upright sons of Germany whose standards of life and labor are affecting the quality of citizenship and the rate of agricultural development in Fond du Lac county. His parents were among the pioneers in the settlement of this region and he himself is numbered among its early residents. He is now operating a fine farm comprising ninety acres all cultivated and improved and by his systematic methods of agriculture is making definite additions to the resources of this section. He was born in Germany in 1844 and is the son of Joe and Anna Margaret (Eters) Pickart. The parents left their native country in 1846, when Mr. Pickart of this review was only two years of age, and settled first in Port Washington, Wisconsin. After a short period of residence in that place they came to Fond du Lac county, where the father took up a government claim and was active as an agriculturist until his death.

Mr. Pickart was educated in the public schools of Johnsburg and has been acquainted with the details of the operation of a farm since his early childhood. He aided his father in the planting and harvesting and in the caring for the stock and grain, and the personal experience and knowledge of methods gained at this time has been an important item in his present success. He is operating ninety acres of land which was formerly owned by John Schmitz, his father-in-law, whose estate was divided in 1891, when Mr. Pickart purchased the interests of the other heirs and kept the property in its original state. He has erected several buildings upon his land and has made needed improvements from time to time. He does general farming and the land, being rich and fertile, returns excellent harvests as the result of his progressive and scientific methods. His life has been one of industry and progressiveness, guided by systematic and honorable business methods and his success is an evidence of the qualities of his mind and character rightly directed along high standards.

Mr. Pickart has been married forty-two years. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Mary Schmitz and to their union were born seven children: Anna and Selma, both of whom are deceased; John, Louis, Mike, Josephine and Sarah.

Mr. Pickart holds membership in the German Catholic church, to which faith his wife and children also give their allegiance. He is a democrat but not active politically, preferring to do his duty as a citizen by promoting his private interests. He is a man of fine business judgment and his integrity stands as an unquestioned fact in his career and his success is in proportion to the perseverance of his labors and the quality of the business discrimination which guides them.

JOHN LINNEN.

John Linnen is one of the successful and respected business men of Waupun, where he is engaged in the conduct of the only exclusive shoe store in that city. He is the son of Thomas and Ann (Manning) Linnen, the former a native of Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, where he was born in 1828, and the latter of Troy, New York. He came to America in April, 1839, and located at Watertown, Wisconsin, where he married on September 21, 1857, and then moved to Waupun in 1859. The mother was born on October 19, 1838, and in 1846 came with her parents to Lowell, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Linnen were born eight children, five boys and three girls, of whom the subject of this review is the sixth in order of birth.

John Linnen was reared in his father's home and received his education in the public schools of Waupun. As a young man he was engaged as a clerk in the merchandising house of A. C. Scott for several years and bought out J. T. Sheehan's shoe business in 1911, since which time he has devoted himself entirely to the interests of that business.

On November 23, 1910, Mr. Linnen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brown, a daughter of Patrick and Julia (Purcell) Brown, both natives of Ireland. The father, Patrick Brown, was born in Skibreen, County Cork, in 1845, and the mother in Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1849. The father came to Salem, Massachusetts, in 1854 and in 1857 removed to Waupun. He died April 19, 1885, while the mother still lives. Mrs. Brown came to Troy, New York in 1849, and to Waupun in 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Linnen are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Linnen has the distinction of owning and operating the only exclusive shoe store in the city of Waupun and in the conduct of his business he has met with gratifying success. He is one of the reliable and respected citizens of the city in which he resides and one of the well known and progressive men of the county.

JOHN A. KASTEIN.

John A. Kastein is one of the well known citizens of Waupun where he has been engaged in business since 1869. He was born in Holland, the 3d of February, 1848, and is a son of William and Elida (Ramaker) Kastein, both of whom were natives of Holland, and in that country celebrated their marriage in 1835. They were the parents of seven children: Bernard, who passed away in Holland; Henrietta, now Mrs. VanGallen, of Alto; Gerritt J., whose death occurred in 1901; Jane, who married John Kophower, and resides in Alto; Lena, who passed away in 1871; Henry J., a resident of Alto; and John A., the subject of this review.

John A. Kastein was reared in his parents' home and received his education in the schools of Holland. He emigrated to America and settled in Waupun in June, 1869, and since that time has continued to be identified with the business interests of that city.

On the 21st of February, 1872, Mr. Kastein was united in marriage to Miss

Beerdiena Ter Beest, who was born December 19, 1850, and was a daughter of Bernard and Eliza (Boch) Ter Beest. To Mr. and Mrs. Kastein six children have been born: William H., who taught school for a time and is an employe of the Paramount Knitting Company of Waupun; Katherine, a school teacher, whose birth occurred August 8, 1874; John A., Jr., born September 5, 1876, a leading druggist of Waupun; Benjamin, whose birth occurred on the 5th of April, 1878, and who is cashier of the National Bank of Waupun; Alice, at home; and Dinah, who is in the government employ at the Waupun postoffice.

Mr. Kastein is a loyal member of the republican party and has served as mayor for two terms. He was alderman for his ward in 1896. He and his family are members of the Dutch Reformed church. Mr. Kastein is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Waupun and is a man whose integrity in all matters of business transaction has never been questioned. He is interested in every public enterprise that gives promise of advancing and promoting the condition of the people of the community in which he lives.

WILLIAM S. WHITING.

William S. Whiting is one of the well known and successful business men of Waupun, Wisconsin, where he is engaged in the general livery and transfer business and also has the agency for several automobile companies, besides operating a large garage and automobile repair shop. He was born in Ripon, Wisconsin, August 18, 1865, and is the son of John and Mary (Farrington) Whiting, both of whom were natives of New York and of whom a more extended mention is made in the review of Spencer Whiting, of Ripon, Wisconsin, published in another part of this work.

William S. Whiting was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools. He was variously engaged until 1890 when he embarked in the restaurant business in Waupun, in which he was very successful for four years, at the end of which time he disposed of that property and established himself in the draying business, in which he continued for seven years, after which he was engaged in selling windmills for four successive years. He later built and operated an up-to-date cement plant, to which he gave his entire attention for five years. In 1910 he engaged in the livery and automobile business. He conducts a general livery and transfer business and also operates an up-to-date garage and automobile repair shop, and has the agency for the Brush car in Green Lake and the southern part of Fond du Lac county and also the northern part of Dodge county. He also handles the Ford, Courier and Sampson cars.

On February 18, 1891, Mr. Whiting was united in marriage to Miss Flora Haywood, of Ripon, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haywood, and to them two children have been born, Harold and Margaret. Mr. Whiting is a member of the Masonic blue lodge, and is one of the highly respected and successful citizens of Waupun.

THOMAS J. SCANNELL.

Thomas J. Scannell carries on general farming in Osceola township, where he owns one hundred and twenty acres of land, eighty of which he is successfully cultivating. A native of Fond du Lac county, his birth occurred in the township where he now resides on the 1st of August, 1854, his parents being Michael and Ellen (Fitzgerald) Scannell. The father, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, came to the United States in his early manhood, first locating in Massachusetts where he was employed on a railroad. There he was later

married to Miss Fitzgerald, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, whence she emigrated to the United States with her mother. Soon after their marriage the young people came to Wisconsin, and for about a year resided at Milwaukee. From there they came to Fond du Lac county and purchased forty acres of wild land. This section of the state was but sparsely settled at that time, and there were only two houses between the Scannell farm and the city of Fond du Lac. Michael Scannell built a log cabin on his place, which served for the family residence for some years, and cleared and placed his land under cultivation. Disposing of this property he invested the proceeds in forty acres of land in Osceola township, now owned by our subject and cultivated by his son Thomas P. Scannell. Here Michael Scannell lived until his death, which occurred in September, 1901, at the age of eighty years. His wife is still living and resides at No. 167 Fourth street, Fond du Lac, with her daughters, Ellen and Mary. She has passed the eighty-sixth anniversary of her birth and is the mother of nine children.

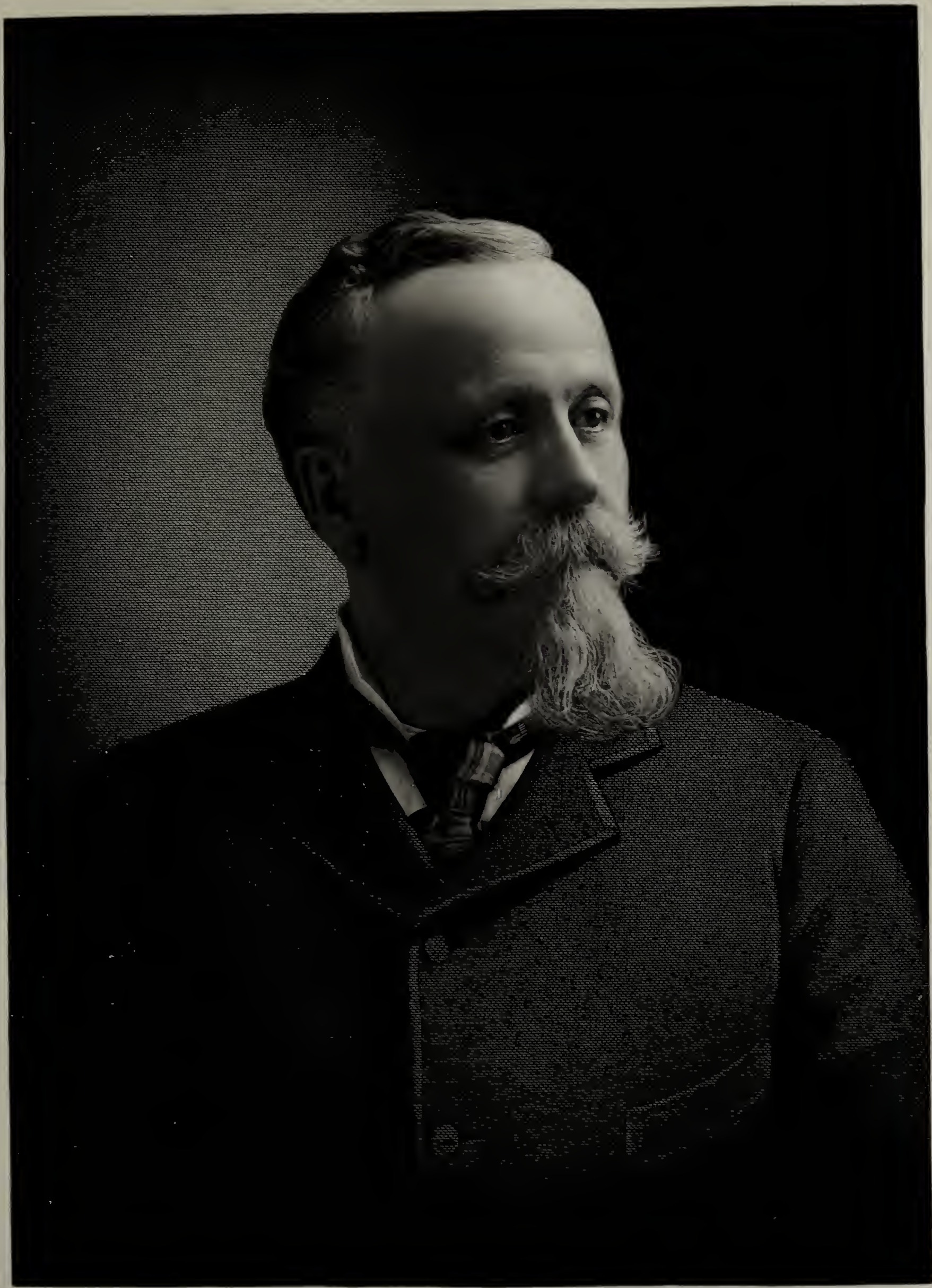
Reared amid the pioneer conditions that yet prevailed in Wisconsin in his boyhood, Thomas J. Scannell began his education in a district school, which was temporarily convened in the Mitchell barn. The school had formerly been held in a log cabin, but it had been destroyed by fire, and the frame building which was to take its place had not yet been completed. He received but few advantages in his boyhood, his early years having been passed in the uneventful routine, characteristic of life in rural sections. He remained at home and assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm until he was twenty-six years of age, with the exception of one winter, when he worked in the pine woods. Soon after his marriage he located on the farm which he now owns in Osceola township, and during the intervening years has wrought many and extensive improvements on the place, including the erection of a good house and barns. His land has been brought under high cultivation and annually yields abundant harvests, which well repay him for his long years of toil. After the death of his father, he bought the old homestead, endeared to him by the associations of his early life, and there his son Thomas B., is now residing.

Thomas J. Scannell was married in 1880 to Miss Mary Foy, a native of the north of Ireland. Her parents came to the United States in 1851, and for some years resided in Hudson, New York, where their son James was born. They subsequently returned to Ireland, and there Mrs. Scannell was born, but in 1863 she came to America with her father, who again located in the state of New York, coming from there to Wisconsin in 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Scannell have five children: Thomas P. and James, twins; George and Angelo, who are also twins; and Edward. The first named married Miss Mamie O'Brien, a daughter of James O'Brien of Eden township, and they have two children, James and Isabelle.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church. His allegiance in matters politic, Mr. Scannell gives to the democratic party and has for three years served as treasurer of the township in which he lives.

ELA COLLINS WATERS.

Ela Collins Waters has for many years been one of the well known citizens of Fond du Lac, maintaining his residence in that city for many years past, during which time, however, he has been extensively associated with various large and successful western enterprises, chiefly in the mountainous districts of southwestern Montana, in which state he now is a resident at Roberts. He was born in Martinsburg, Lewis county, New York, on the 5th of May, 1849, his parents being Homer C. and Adeline (Rockwell) Waters, the former a native of Lewis county, New York, and the latter of Connecticut. His paternal great-grandfather



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was Judge Jonathan Collins, a sergeant in the Revolutionary war and later a brevetted major in the War of 1812. His brother, Oliver Collins, served in the Revolutionary war as corporal and in the War of 1812 he became brigadier general. David Waters, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York. He was a very extensive contractor and builder, securing in his business contracts for large bridge work of all kinds, school houses and mill properties of various manufacturing industries. He was a resident of Lewis county and a veteran of the War of 1812. He passed away in his native state many years ago and his widow, who bore the maiden name of Lement Collins, later removed to the west and established her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Adams, at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in which city she continued to live until the time of her death. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Waters of this review was Heman Rockwell, a native of Connecticut. His wife, Henrietta Griswold, a daughter of George and Eunice (Ingersoll) Griswold, and grand-daughter of Lieutenant George Griswold, a soldier of the Revolution, was a highly cultured lady and one of the eminent educators of her day. She also enjoyed the distinction of being a most successful political writer, her contributions to the press being eagerly sought by contending candidates in the various political campaigns of her day. She lived to attain the ripe old age of ninety-five, passing away and being buried in Lewis county, New York.

Homer C. Waters, the father of Ela Collins Waters, was reared in Lewis county, New York, where he was engaged in stock-raising, mixed farming and dairying. He removed to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in the year 1849 and upon his arrival purchased a farm containing one hundred and sixty acres four and a half miles south of that city, upon which he continued to conduct farming for the succeeding six or seven years. He later removed to the city of Fond du Lac and became interested in the shingle and lumber business with E. H. Galloway, continuing in this business for several successive years. He reached the end of his earthly life in 1858, in the very midst of his active business career, his death having been caused by brain fever at the age of thirty-eight years. During his life he was honored by being elected to several of the township offices and in all matters of business interest he was regarded as one of the prominent and successful men of his city. Unto him and his wife were born five children, as follows: Kelsey Theodore, who is now a resident of Belvidere, Illinois; Ela Collins, of this review; Josephine Arvilla, who is the widow of H. M. Hayes, of Oshkosh, and now makes her home in Madison; Emma Augusta, who died unmarried; and Homer Merton, also deceased. The mother of these children was twice married, her second husband being William M. Alsever, by whom she had two children: Monroe, who died at the age of three years; and Adeline, who became the wife of Charles De Groat. Mrs. Adeline Alsever suffered a fatal attack of pneumonia and died at the age of sixty-five.

Ela Collins Waters was reared in his father's home and when a child one year old came with his parents to Fond du Lac, where he received his early education in the public schools. The breaking out of the Civil war occurred at the time when Mr. Waters was in the midst of his thirteenth year. Considering an enthusiastic and unquenchable patriotism for the flag, for which his ancestors had fought in the Wars of the Revolution and of 1812, a sufficient qualification for becoming a soldier in the American Civil conflict, he promptly enlisted for that service and was chagrined to be apprised of the fact that he was too small in stature and too tender in years to endure the hardships of camp and field and he was consequently rejected for the time. By no means, however, discouraged or daunted in his purpose to share in the maintenance of an undivided Union, he bided his time for another year and then at the age of fourteen, a man larger grown, he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. This time he passed the required examination and was mustered into the service of his country as one of the youngest among the soldier boys. In

the ranks of that bloody war he continued a faithful and efficient soldier till the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. During his career in the ranks he was engaged in the battles of Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Pegram's Farm, Stony Creek, Mine Explosion, at Petersburg, Virginia, and in many other engagements of like severity, fighting in every battle in which his regiment was engaged. He entered the service as a drummer boy but often, when the stirring music of the drum was not required as an assistant in the conflict, he exchanged his drum for an effective musket in many of the battles in which he was engaged. His record as a brave and fearless soldier, notwithstanding his extreme youth, has been attested by the well known commendations of his lieutenant colonel. Immediately following the close of the Civil war he returned to Fond du Lac, where he became a pupil in one of the select schools and later a student at Ripon College in this state. Completing his studies at the college, he engaged for some time in the sewing machine business and afterward as a traveling salesman on the road for a New York wholesale tea house until the year 1883. Shortly afterward he removed to Montana, where he engaged in the hotel and stock business at Glendive and very soon thereafter became also the proprietor of a hotel at Billings and Livingston. As Mr. Waters became known among the business men of Montana many opportunities were presented to him to extend his field of operations as a popular and successful hotel proprietor and in addition to his interests in that business, as above cited, he became the general manager of all the hotels in Yellowstone Park, which position he retained for five consecutive years. At the same time he served as president of the Yellowstone Lake Boat Company and later held the office of captain of the vessels E. C. Waters and Zilla. Mr. Waters has for many years been identified with the stock industry of the west, holding heavy interests in various companies operating in that particular line, and at one time he was the owner of the controlling stock in a company owning twenty thousand head of high-grade range sheep. He was likewise the president of the Pacific Naphtha Launch Company of Tacoma and has always been more or less identified with the Montana mining industry, being still heavily interested in ranches, mines and lands in that state. At present he maintains his home at Roberts, Montana. He has, however, spent many of his winters in the city of Fond du Lac and Washington, D. C.

On the 4th of March, 1878, Mr. Waters was united in marriage to Miss Martha Burtus Amory, a native of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and a daughter of John and Jane (Smith) Amory, of Middletown, New York. Her paternal grandparents were James and Martha (Burtus) Amory. The grandfather was engaged in the real-estate and whip manufacturing business in New York city, where both he and his wife died many years ago. John Amory, the father of Mrs. Martha B. Waters, was one of the prominent and wealthy business men of the city of Fond du Lac during his active business career. His real-estate holdings were large in both Fond du Lac and New York. His demise occurred near Florence, Wisconsin, while his wife passed away in Washington, D. C. Their children were six in number, namely: Martha Burtus; John J.; Jane; Anna D.; Mary, the wife of Henry Miller of Fond du Lac; and Samuel Burtus Amory. Mrs. Martha B. Waters was a native daughter of Fond du Lac but spent some of her earliest childhood in Middletown, New York, and later returned to her native city at the age of fifteen. She was a regular graduate of the select school of Mrs. Sylvanus Reed in New York city. By her marriage she became the mother of three children. Edna Alberti, who gave her hand in marriage to Don Juan Molina, lives in Pasadena, California, and has one child, Amory Waters Molina. Anna Amory died at the age of nineteen years. Amory Oaks Waters owns and operates a cattle and horse ranch at Emigrant, Montana, where he resides. He was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Lee of Virginia, by whom he has one child, Martha Burtus Waters. On the 6th of August, 1909, at the age of fifty-five years, the wife of E. C. Waters

passed to her reward in the land beyond, her death occurring in Fond du Lac, the city of her birth.

Mr. Waters has been a lifelong and enthusiastic member of the republican party and by that party was elected as a member of the legislature of Montana. He has also at various times held several town offices. Ela C. Waters is ex-department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Montana and a member of the National Encampment. He is descended from the best of old New England Revolutionary ancestry. He is a man of commanding physique and broad mind, highly cultured by contact with men eminent in the councils of the state and nation, and has associated during his entire business life with the most influential men connected with large business enterprises. He is by nature a leader among men and as a safe and successful promoter and operator of various extensive business enterprises, he has a well deserved reputation for being a man of great skill and unquestioned integrity in dealing with affairs necessarily so complicated as the formation and establishment of new and untried enterprises in which many individual investors are interested. As a patriot and soldier his record is chronicled among the loyal and brave fighting men whose toil and sacrifice preserved to us the nation which his ancestors, by their devotion to the cause of liberty, did well their part to establish.

WILLIAM BERRY.

William Berry, vice president of the Berry Rail Clamp Company, is one of the representative business men of Fond du Lac. He is a native of this county, his birth having occurred in the town of Fond du Lac on the 2d of May, 1857. His parents were William and Sophia (Alexander) Berry, natives of the state of New York. The father, who was a farmer, removed to Fond du Lac county about 1855 and erected one of the first houses in this city, continuing to reside here until his death in 1888. Of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Berry were born four children: William, Henry, Edward and Emma.

Practically the entire life of William Berry has been passed in Fond du Lac. At the usual age he entered the public schools, terminating his student days upon the completion of his junior year in high school. Although he was only seventeen at this time he immediately turned his attention to business activities and for five years thereafter was engaged in the milk business. At the expiration of that time he engaged in farming, for which vocation he was well qualified having assisted his father with the work of the fields and care of the stock from his early boyhood. Four years later he again identified himself with commercial pursuits by engaging in the hay business. Mr. Berry possesses unusual mechanical skill and his spare time during these years was devoted to study and experiments along this line. After long years of discouraging effort, much thinking and endless experimenting he was finally able to perfect a most useful and practical article patented in 1909 under the name of the Berry Rail Clamp. The same year a company was incorporated with a capitalization of fifty thousand dollars that is operating under the name of the Berry Rail Clamp Company. George W. Post is president; H. T. Sackett, secretary; and F. D. Pendell, treasurer. As the clamp has many advantages over those formerly in use and has supplied a long-felt need in railroading the company has met with excellent success.

Mr. Berry married Miss Adelaide Jarvis a native of Montreal, Canada, and a daughter of Nelson and Adell (Barboe) Jarvis, who were farming people. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Berry, all of whom are living. Edward married Kathryn Humphry of Fond du Lac, and to them have been born two children: Marshall, whose birth occurred in 1908; and Charlotte, who was born in 1910. Elmer married Hazel Irish of this city and they also have two children: Frederick, whose natal year was 1909; and Phyllis Madaline. Stella is the wife of Frederic D. Wheeler, and they have one child, Frank W. Ethel is

at home. Addie, who is the wife of Herman Mulenhoff, of Fond du Lac, and Ruby, Ella and Gladys are all living at home.

In matters of faith the family are Roman Catholics and the political support of Mr. Berry is accorded to the republican party. He is held in high esteem in local business circles where he is known to be honorable and upright in all of his transactions, while in matters of citizenship he is public-spirited and progressive, always contributing his quota toward forwarding the welfare of the community.

CHARLES BEYER.

Charles Beyer, the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Calumet, his native township, was born in the year 1862, his parents being Louis and Dorothy (Cann) Beyer. The father, who came to the United States in 1849, made his way first to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and thence came direct to Fond du Lac county, settling on a tract of land about five miles from the present home of our subject. He was one of the first settlers in that part of the county and made his home in a log cabin which he erected. He used oxen in clearing and developing his land and it was not until three years later that he purchased his first Indian ponies. The red men still frequented this part of the country, bear, deer and other wild animals haunted the forest and there was an abundance of wild game. The so-called roads were nothing but paths through the woods. Notwithstanding the many difficulties and hardships of life in a frontier region, Mr. Beyer developed an excellent farm property and as the community became more thickly settled took his place among its substantial and public-spirited citizens.

Charles Beyer was reared to manhood on his father's farm and has always devoted his time and energies to the work of the fields. At the time he came into possession of his present farm, embracing a quarter section of land in Calumet township, only twenty acres thereof had been cleared and the task of clearing the remainder therefore devolved upon him. The entire tract is now under a high state of cultivation, and the many substantial improvements which adorn the property stand as monuments to the thrift and enterprise of the owner. The buildings are all modern and up to date and the place is lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. The success which has attended Mr. Beyer in his undertakings as an agriculturist is but the merited reward of his well directed industry, energy and capable management.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Beyer chose Miss Theresa Karpe, a daughter of Carl Karpe, of Plymouth, Sheboygan county. Their children, ten in number, are all at home and are named as follows: Elvira, Ruth, Meta, Dora, Marguerite, Sylvesta, Rosie, Adam, Emil and William.

In politics Mr. Beyer is a stanch republican, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. He has spent his entire life in Fond du Lac county and, as above stated, farm work has occupied his attention from his youthful days to the present, bringing him the prosperity which is now his.

PATRICK FITZGERALD, JR.

Patrick Fitzgerald, Jr., who is carrying on general agricultural pursuits in connection with which he also engages in dairying, was born on the farm he owns and operates on the 22d of June, 1868. His father, Patrick Fitzgerald, Sr., was born in County Kerry, Ireland, whence he came to America in early manhood, locating in Wisconsin. There he subsequently met and married Han-

nah Scannell, also a native of the Emerald isle. They began their domestic life in a log cabin on the farm on which our subject now lives. The father purchased this land, which was then in a wild state and diligently applied himself to its cultivation during the remainder of his life. The first buildings he erected on it were made of logs, but as his circumstances permitted, he replaced them with modern frame structures. Here both parents passed away, the mother's death occurring in 1868, at the age of thirty-five years, and that of the father in 1898 at the age of sixty-eight. Five children were born to them, of whom our subject is the youngest. In order of birth the others are as follows: Michael, Catharine, Genevieve and Mary.

The entire life of Patrick Fitzgerald, Jr., has been passed on the farm where he now resides. His boyhood was as uneventful as that of the average youth who is reared in the rural sections and educated in the district schools. He was early trained to the duties and work of an agriculturist and after the death of the father, purchased the old homestead from the other heirs, and has here continued agricultural pursuits with success. His fields, which are carefully tilled and kept in a high state of productivity by an intelligent rotation of crops, annually yield rich, golden harvests which well repay him for the labor expended in their cultivation.

Patrick Fitzgerald, Jr., who has never married, has his sister Mary keeping house for him. They are both communicants of the Roman Catholic church, as were their parents. Mr. Fitzgerald votes the democratic ticket.

JOSEPH STEFFEN.

Joseph Steffen has been a resident of Fond du Lac county during his entire life and is numbered today among its most useful and valued citizens. He has given his time almost exclusively to agricultural pursuits and his farm of ninety acres in Taycheedah township is in excellent condition and intelligently operated. He was born in Marshfield in 1869 and is the son of Jacob and Marguerite (Feltner) Steffen, natives of Germany. Their marriage occurred in America, whither the father had come in the early '50s. He settled in Fond du Lac county at an early date and is numbered among its pioneers. He helped to build St. Joseph's church and was otherwise active in promoting progress and development.

Joseph Steffen was educated in the public schools and when he laid aside his books, worked for a short time in a brewery. With this exception his activities have always been devoted to agricultural pursuits and he is today recognized as an able and expert farmer. He owns ninety acres of land, the development and improvement of which are directly due to his own labor. He found his property in an undeveloped condition and was obliged to do most of the labor of removing the stumps and stones himself. He has now brought it to a high state of cultivation, has built upon the land fine barns, granaries and other outbuildings and has fenced and drained his fields. He is progressive and enterprising and by intelligently directed agricultural labors guided by his business ability, has made his acres productive and his farm a model and lucrative enterprise. He is a man who does not allow his private interests to absorb his attention to such an extent that they deprive him of an interest in the general welfare. He is always eager to promote any movement which will be of benefit to his fellow citizens and which will aid in the progress of his native section. He has been path master for five years and in this capacity has done excellent and able work.

In 1894, Mr. Steffen was united in marriage to Miss Christiana Hoehl, a native of Marshfield, and to their union were born ten children: Rosa; Julia; Alma; Ida; Martha Marie; Oscar Michel; Susie; Rufina; Emma Anna and Oleva.

Mr. Steffen is a member of St. Peter's German Catholic church, to which his wife and children also give their allegiance. He has many friends in the section in which he resides, who esteem him for his upright and worthy qualities. Many changes have taken place in development during his period of residence in Fond du Lac county, of which he has been an interested witness, and in many an active participant, while by his able operation of his own enterprise he has aided in the work which has brought about modern conditions of prosperity.

NICHOLAS GILGENBACH.

Nicholas Gilgenbach, whose time is occupied in the operation of a farm of eighty-eight acres in Taycheedah township, well deserves recognition among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of his community. His birth occurred in Germany, November 2, 1859, his parents being Peter and Mary (Mand) Gilgenbach. The family arrived in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, on the 15th of August, 1862, and settled in the town of Taycheedah.

Nicholas Gilgenbach was employed in the lumber woods during his early manhood and subsequently worked at the mason's trade. He lived across the road from his present farm for sixteen years and then removed into the town, where he resided one year. The farm of eighty-eight acres on which he afterward located and where he now resides has been in his possession for the past two and a half years. He has made several improvements on the property, erecting a shed and also building an addition to the house. His principal crops are barley, oats and corn, which he sells to local dealers.

Mr. Gilgenbach has been married twice. In 1885 he wedded Miss Anna Lohn, by whom he has three children, namely: Julius, a young man of twenty-five years; Edward, a youth of eighteen; and Isabelle, who is fifteen years of age. For his second wife he chose Miss Maggie Halfmann, a daughter of John Halfmann. To them have been born four children, as follows: Dora, a maiden of ten; Leo and Gregor, who are five and two years of age respectively; and Marie, who is one year old.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Nicholas Gilgenbach has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. Both he and his wife are devout communicants of St. Peter's German Catholic church. His salient characteristics are such as have won for him the unqualified respect, esteem and good-will of his fellowmen.

CHARLES H. WALKER.

Charles H. Walker is one of the well known business men of Waupun, Wisconsin, where he is successfully engaged in the milling and land business. He was born in Newburg, Ohio, now Cleveland, August 8, 1846, and is the son of Levi O. and Jane A. (Powers) Walker, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. Hiram Walker, an uncle of our subject, Seymour Wilcox and family and John N. Ackerman moved to Wisconsin in 1839, settling in what is now the city of Waupun, in Fond du Lac county, at which place Seymour Wilcox in that early day built the first hotel. It was not until 1848 that Levi O. Walker brought his family to Waupun. The farm upon which Hiram Walker located in Wisconsin is now all within the city limits of Waupun and covered with the various buildings of the city, except sixteen acres of the original homestead. When Levi O. Walker came to Wisconsin he bought the farm from his brother, Hiram,

and upon that place he continued to be engaged in general farming until the time of his death, which occurred in 1852. His wife, who survived him for many years, passed away at her old home in Waupun on February 23, 1907, at the age of ninety-six and one-half years. She was a member of the Disciples church, and was a daughter of Captain Powers, who served in the Revolutionary war. To Mr. and Mrs. Walker six children were born: Hattie A., deceased; George W., a resident of Seattle, Washington; Gideon, Nathan and Levi, all of whom are deceased; and Charles H., of this review.

Charles H. Walker received his early education in the public schools of Wisconsin. For many years he has been engaged in the stock business in Waupun and has also been the owner and proprietor of farms located in various parts of the Dakotas. For the past five years he has given his attention entirely to business in connection with the buying and selling of farm lands in North Dakota and Minnesota.

On September 21, 1881, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Wight, a daughter of Johiel and Rachel (Sloper) Wight. The parents settled in Waupun in 1854 and the father was there engaged for many years in general farming and stock-raising. To Mr. and Mrs. Walker has been born a son, John W., now in the employ of the Allis-Chalmers Company of Milwaukee. He received his elementary education in the schools of Waupun, and later pursued his studies at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, after which he completed a commercial course of instruction.

Mr. Walker is affiliated with the progressive wing of the republican party, and is a member of the Equitable Fraternal Union, of Waupun, being one of its charter members. He is one of the pioneers of Dodge county and has been associated since the beginning of his active business career with many of the business enterprises which have contributed to the development of one of the richest agricultural sections of central Wisconsin. He is a man highly respected among his friends and associates and is among the best known citizens of his county and state.

JAMES L. SORENSON.

James L. Sorenson, a successful merchant of Oak Center, has conducted a general store during the past four years and also acts as notary public and postmaster of the town. His birth occurred in Neenah, Winnebago county, Wisconsin, on the 27th of November, 1875, his parents being Andrew and Cecelia (Lund) Sorenson, the former a native of Vamdrup, Denmark, and the latter also of that country. Andrew Sorenson emigrated to America and settled in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in 1870. At the end of three years he went to Neenah, Wisconsin, where he embarked in the flour and feed business, conducting the same for twelve years. He passed away in 1910 at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, who took up her abode in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in 1871, is living at the age of sixty-seven years. They were the parents of three children. Samuel K., a machinist of Racine, was married but lost his wife in 1902. Christina gave her hand in marriage to L. C. Hansen, a bookkeeper of Chicago, and is now the mother of three children, Martha C., James M. and Paul R.

James L. Sorenson, the second child in the family, pursued his education in the common schools of Neenah until fourteen years of age. Subsequently he was employed as a printer for three years and then spent a year as salesman in the store of Marshall Field & Company in Chicago. During the next seven years he was engaged as a paper hanger, painter and decorator at Neenah, Wisconsin, later becoming a general merchant of that place. He was next employed as a mail carrier for six years and subsequently spent a year as clerk in the postoffice at Neenah, while for two years he owned and

operated a farm. In 1908 he opened a general store at Oak Center and has since conducted the same with gratifying success, carrying a stock of goods valued at fifty-five hundred dollars. He owns the building, the dimensions of which are twenty-eight by ninety feet and which is two stories in height. A liberal patronage is accorded him, for he carries an extensive and attractive line of goods at reasonable prices and does all in his power to meet the demands and wishes of the public. His success is well merited, for it has come to him as the reward of industry, enterprise and energy. His wife owns a tract of forty acres of land in Oakfield township which he gave her as a gift. He acts as secretary of the Oak Center Cooperative Dairy Company and is widely recognized as a man of sound judgment and excellent business ability.

Mr. Sorenson has a creditable military record. In 1901, at Neenah, he enlisted for three years' service in Company I, First Wisconsin National Guard, holding the rank of first sergeant until honorably discharged in 1904. During the years 1903, 1904 and 1905 he acted as drillmaster, at Neenah, of Company E of the United Boys Brigade of America, the local organization comprising sixty or sixty-five Sunday-school boys of the Presbyterian church.

On the 21st of August, 1903, at Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Sorenson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hansen, a daughter of Marquard and Martha Hansen of that city. Our subject and his wife have three children, Geraldine M., Marquard A. and Roy R.

In politics Mr. Sorenson is a staunch republican. He is serving as clerk of the school board, also acts as postmaster at Oak Center and is likewise a notary public. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His entire career has been characterized by high ideals and noble principles and in every relation of life his record has ever measured up to a high standard of honorable manhood.

GEORGE PETRI.

George Petri, one of the worthy native sons and representative agriculturists of Fond du Lac county, was born on the farm in Forest township which has always been his home, his natal year being 1858. His parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Dilling) Petri, both of whom were born across the Atlantic, came to the new world in the late '50s and were married in this county. At that time the father acquired the property which is now in possession of our subject, erecting the log cabin which still stands on the place. The country was but sparsely settled and largely undeveloped at that time, most of the land was covered with timber and practically no roads had been built. At the time of the arrival of Jacob Petri there were only two ox teams in this section. In preparing the land for cultivation, the early settlers hitched oxen to a thorn apple tree and thus dragged the ground. Mr. Petri cut a great deal of the timber from his place and eventually developed an excellent farm, which he operated with good results. He passed away in 1884, having for ten years survived his wife, who was called to her final rest in 1874. The community was thus deprived of two of its substantial and esteemed pioneer settlers whose labors had been of value in the work of development and upbuilding here.

George Petri was reared on the home farm and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he assisted his father in the work of the fields. He aided materially in clearing the land and since the demise of his father has cultivated the same independently. The property embraces fifty-five acres, and most of the improvements thereon stand as monuments to the thrift and enterprise of the present owner. Owing to his well directed energy, his labors as an agriculturist have been attended with

success and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a substantial and representative citizen of the community.

In 1880 Mr. Petri was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Krammer, a daughter of Conrad Krammer, of Empire township, this county. They have four children, as follows: William; Fred, who wedded Miss Frances Konen; Barbara, who is the wife of Robert Bower, a cheese manufacturer of Eden; and Walter.

Politically Mr. Petri is a stanch adherent of the republican party, being convinced that its principles are most conducive to good government. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. He has spent his entire life in Fond du Lac county and still has vivid recollections of the period when Indians camped for weeks at a time within a short distance of the home farm. Deer still roamed through the forest, and his childhood was spent in a region where many other evidences of pioneer life were found. With the passing of the years, however, he has witnessed a wonderful transformation as the work of progress and improvement has been carried steadily forward, and what was once a wild and undeveloped region is now a thriving and prosperous agricultural community.

HENRY BORCHARDT.

One of the many enterprising and successful farmers who are making Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, one of the most fertile and productive sections in the middle west is Henry Borchardt, who is farming twenty acres of land which he owns and who rents annually from eighty to one hundred acres for agricultural purposes. He was born in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, August 9, 1874, and is a son of Herman and Amelia (Thurrow) Borchardt, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this volume.

Henry Borchardt was educated in the public schools of Kewaunee county, Wisconsin, and came to Fond du Lac county with his parents when he was seventeen years of age. He began his agricultural life by working on neighboring farms in the employ of others. He, however, learned the stonemason's trade and followed this in conjunction with his agriculture until 1910. It was in 1901 that he bought his present farm. His original purchase comprised a home set in the midst of five acres of land on section 27 of Springvale township. To this he added in 1907 fifteen adjoining acres and has brought this property to a highly developed state. He rents annually from eighty to one hundred acres and carries on general farming, specializing in the breeding and raising of high-grade stock, which he sells in the Wisconsin markets. His dairy constitutes one of the important branches of his enterprise and he gives to its operation his personal attention and supervision. He keeps a herd of nine Jersey cows for this purpose, six of which are registered stock. He is one of the most progressive and enterprising of the younger generation of farmers who are bringing to their agriculture modern and progressive standards and are responsible in a great measure for the evolution of farming into a science.

On April 10, 1901, Henry Borchardt was united in marriage to Miss Mary Henker, a daughter of Gustave and Sophia (Schultz) Henker, natives of Germany. Her parents came to the United States over forty years ago and located near Ripon, Wisconsin, where the father worked upon a farm for several years. He eventually purchased land and now owns an excellent tract intelligently improved and cultivated. His holdings are located a mile southwest of Ripon and there he and his wife make their home. To Mr. and Mrs. Borchardt have been born three children: Martha, who passed away when she

was three months old; Carl, born November 2, 1906; and Reinhold, whose birth occurred June 4, 1910.

In his political affiliations Henry Borchardt is a consistent republican but has never been an office seeker. He and his wife affiliate with the German Lutheran church of Rosendale. He is an intelligent and efficient farmer, interested in his work and desirous of improving his land in the most modern way, and has added something year by year to his own prosperity and to the methods of practical and productive agriculture.

GEORGE SEYBOLD.

George Seybold, devoting his time and energies to general agriculture pursuits, resides on section 12, Eden township. He was born in Eden township on March 24, 1862, his parents being Joseph and Catherine Seybold. The father, a native of Germany, crossed the Atlantic to the United States as a young man, settling first in the state of New York, where he was married. In 1857 he came to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, purchasing land in Eden township and erecting a shanty thereon. After disposing of that property he purchased the tract of sixty acres on which he has resided to the present time, first clearing the land and then erecting a log cabin. It was in 1890 that he built the modern and attractive residence in which he now lives. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and able management, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase, becoming an extensive land owner. He has reached the venerable age of eighty-three years, while his wife is five years younger. During the period of his residence in this county, covering fifty-five years, he has won and maintained an enviable reputation as a prosperous agriculturist and representative citizen. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, one of whom has passed away. The others are as follows: Joseph, George, Mary, Louisa, John, Frank and Katherine.

George Seybold was reared to manhood on the home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. The work of the fields has claimed his attention throughout his entire business career, and he is now engaged in the operation of a tract of eighty acres on section 12, Eden township, annually harvesting good crops which find a ready sale on the market.

George Seybold is a republican in politics but has never sought nor desired public office as a reward for his party fealty. In religious faith he is a Catholic, being a devout communicant of St. Mary's church at Eden. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, he enjoys in large measure the friendship and kindly regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

VERNER M. WEEKS.

A worthy representative of one of Fond du Lac's honored pioneer families is Verner M. Weeks, the president of the Fountain City Supply Company and state representative of the Dupont Powder Company. His birth occurred in Orange county, New York, on the 29th of December, 1866, and he is the youngest son of Benjamin F. and Nancy (Kelly) Weeks. The father, who was a goldsmith by trade, was also a native of Orange county, having been born in the town of Monroe, but the mother was of Scottish birth and emigrated to America in 1848. Four sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Weeks,

Thomas, Benjamin, Verner M. and Daniel. Mr. Weeks' uncle, Thomas S. Weeks, was a pioneer settler of Wisconsin, having located in Fond du Lac in 1849. He was for many years prominently identified with local business and political circles and by reason of his enterprising and progressive methods did much to forward the city's development. Resourceful and capable as well as trustworthy and reliable he inspired confidence in all who knew him and became a leader of his party. He was at one time a member of the state assembly, and also served as alderman and mayor, while for many years he held a seat on the board of county supervisors.

Verner M. Weeks was reared at home, receiving his education in the public schools of Middletown, New York, and also in the Wallkill Academy. After completing his education he took a position in a large saw factory, remaining there for four years. At the expiration of that time he supplemented his early education by a course in the Eastman Business College, thus acquiring a more thorough and comprehensive knowledge of modern commercial methods. He was next employed as assistant steward in the Homeopathic Hospital for the Insane, but he gave this up at the end of two years and came to Fond du Lac. Here he engaged in business with his uncle, T. S. Weeks, whose interest he acquired by purchase in 1890 and took in as a partner F. G. Hurlbut. The enterprise was thereafter conducted under the name of Weeks & Hurlbut, until they disposed of it twelve years later to R. A. Horton. Mr. Weeks is a persevering man of diligent methods and as he has always intelligently concentrated his forces upon the achievement of a definite purpose has prospered in his undertakings. The success of the Fountain City Supply Company must largely be attributed to his powers of organization and executive ability, while he has manifested equal efficiency through his capable direction of the interests of the Dupont Powder Company, in the capacity of state representative.

Mr. Weeks married Miss Lillian M. Wood, a daughter of Colonel J. D. Wood, of Mechanicstown, New York, who was for many years identified with public affairs in Orange county and held some prominent offices. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weeks: Thomas S., Marie L., Jessie E. and Alfred T.

The family are affiliated with the Congregational church and fraternally Mr. Weeks is a member of the Masonic bodies and also the Knights of Pythias. His political support he gives to the prohibition party, thus voicing his views on the liquor question. Mr. Weeks is a man of high standards in both civic and business life, and his influence is always exerted in behalf of every worthy cause while his cooperation is given to every movement that he feels will elevate the moral, social or intellectual status of the community.

SAMUEL HOUNSELL.

Samuel Hounsell owns a beautiful home on the shores of Winnebago lake in Fond du Lac county. He has one hundred and twenty-three acres of land which he is cultivating according to progressive, modern methods, and he is enjoying a measure of success that is the fitting reward of his labors. He was born August 9, 1837, in England, a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Talman) Hounsell, who were also natives of that country. They crossed the Atlantic in 1847, settling in Southport, now Kenosha, Wisconsin, where the father worked as a laborer. In 1849 he removed to a farm north of Plymouth, in Sheboygan county, taking up his abode on forty acres of land which he carefully cultivated. His wife died on the 13th of April, 1853, and he survived only until the 14th of August, 1854. In their family were six children, Caroline, Jonathan, Marwood, William, Mary Ann, now Mrs. Symes, of Manitowoc, and Samuel, all now deceased with the exception of the two last named.

In early youth Samuel Hounsell was bound out to serve until he was eighteen years of age, when he hired out to a Mr. Crocket, receiving as compensation for his services his board and the privilege of attending school in the winter months, while in the summer seasons he was paid ten dollars per month. He continued with Mr. Crocket until the summer of 1857, and then turned his attention from agriculture to commercial pursuits by entering a tin shop at Chilton, Wisconsin. He was connected with that business until the fall, after which he removed to Baraboo and secured employment with a Mr. Burdick, agreeing to chop two cords of wood a day for a salary of ten dollars per month. He also worked for his employer's brother for eleven dollars per month but he had to take a gun for the first month's pay and a watch for three months' work. Certainly it was a small wage for the arduous services which he rendered. He learned, however, the value of industry and perseverance and learned, moreover, to conserve his own resources. Going to Sauk Prairie, Sauk county, he worked there for thirteen dollars a month. On his way to Sauk City he had several adventures and his sense of humor makes his telling of these very amusing, especially his account of how he fell into the river and lost nearly all of his possessions except the old shotgun and a little trunk with a Bible his mother gave him and a few clothes. This occurred on the 10th of November, 1858, and one can imagine that the water was not very warm. He managed, however, to reach the opposite bank where he built a fire and dried his clothes. In 1862 he came to Fond du Lac and the following year purchased sixty acres of his present farm. In its cultivation he met with success, his crops finding ready and profitable sale, and as his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of the place until it now comprises one hundred and twenty-three acres which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and to which he has added many modern improvements. His residence is a lovely home on the shores of Winnebago lake and he is there surrounded with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

On the 22d of December, 1861, Mr. Hounsell was married to Miss Mary Ann Goding. Her father was a shoe merchant who came to America in 1847 and settled in Calumet county, Wisconsin, when it was still an unbroken wilderness. He lived here six months without seeing the face of man, woman or child, except Indians, and in the first years the family endured many hardships and felt the loneliness heavily, especially as they came from the heart of London. The father had ever so often to make the trip to Fond du Lac to purchase the family supplies which he bought in the first house ever built in that place. In his family were six children, four sons and two daughters: Mary Ann, the wife of our subject; Isaac Goding, of Fond du Lac; John, also a resident of that place; Sarah Jane, of Fond du Lac; Louis, deceased; and Louis, living in Fond du Lac. Mr. and Mrs. Hounsell have also become the parents of six children, as follows: Elizabeth Carlin, the wife of Charles Schlader, of Fond du Lac; Sarah Jane, the wife of George Wille, of Fond du Lac; Edward James, a merchant of Fond du Lac; Mary Ann, the wife of A. J. Stewart, a mail carrier; Lucy Belle, the wife of Jesse Doncaster, residing in St. Paul, Minnesota; and Samuel H., who married Gertie Tate and lives at home.

In politics Mr. Hounsell is a stanch republican and for one term served his town as supervisor, while for nine years he was district clerk and for many years was pathmaster. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both he and his wife are members of the Rebekah lodge of that organization. Mrs. Hounsell has attained the degree of "chivalry" in the order and was decorated by her lodge at Appleton, Wisconsin, on June 3, 1904, it being the highest honor of the order. Mr. Hounsell holds membership in the Baptist church. On the 22d of December, 1911, they celebrated their golden wedding, on which occasion Mrs. George Breed, who was their bridesmaid when they were married a half century before, was again with them—a similar instance

occurring in the lives of few. On the same occasion their son Samuel was married, making the event an epoch in the history of the family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hounsell are greatly respected and they have a large circle of warm friends for while they have advanced in years beyond the Psalmist's span of three score and ten they still belong in thought and purpose to the younger generation. Theirs is a most hospitable home, the proverbial latchstring always hanging out, and the spirit of good cheer which is ever present there is greatly enjoyed by all who cross their threshold.

LLEWELLYN A. BISHOP, M. D.

A thorough training in the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago prepared Dr. Llewellyn A. Bishop for the practice of medicine and surgery in which he has since engaged. For forty-two years he has been a representative of the medical profession in Fond du Lac, and his success is a proof of his ability and the confidence reposed in him by the public. For many years he has been the loved family physician in a large number of Fond du Lac's leading homes, and in the discharge of his duties he is ever conscientious, faithful and capable. He was born in Eden township, this county, August 24, 1846, and is one of the eight children of John C. and Caroline (Anderson) Bishop, the former a native of New York and the latter of Kentucky. The paternal grandfather was Arch Bishop, and he too was a native of the Empire state. He became one of the early settlers of Fond du Lac county where he died at the venerable age of eighty-four years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann Upham, was a native of Rutland, Vermont, and became the mother of thirteen children. The maternal grandparents of Dr. Bishop spent their last days in Kentucky, their home being on the pike about fifteen miles southeast of Louisville, in which locality the grandfather followed the milling business. John C. Bishop, the father of our subject, was reared in the Empire state, and starting in the business world became a clerk in a hardware store in Troy. On his removal to the middle west he settled first in Dubuque, Iowa, whence he came to Fond du Lac county in June, 1846, taking up his abode in Eden township where he engaged in farming and improved a good tract of land upon which he reared his family. He was active and influential in community affairs and in 1850 was elected clerk of the court. On the expiration of his term in that office he returned to the farm but spent the last few years of his life in Fond du Lac. For a time he engaged in the operation of a mill. He died in this city at the ripe old age of eighty-two years while his wife reached the age of seventy-nine years. Of their children Dr. Bishop is the eldest. The others are: Hoel S., who is a colonel in the United States army, and is stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois; William and Susan, both deceased; Stephen, living in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Arch Bishop, of California; Carrie, of Fond du Lac; and a daughter who died at the age of sixteen years.

Dr. Llewellyn A. Bishop has spent his entire life in the county of his nativity, his youthful days being passed upon his father's farm. He supplemented his district school education by a course in the Fond du Lac high school, and then, having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, matriculated in the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago in which he completed his course with the class of 1870. Through all the intervening years he has remained a close and discriminating student of his profession. Through the perusal of medical literature and the leading medical journals he has kept in touch with the advanced work done by the leading physicians and surgeons of the country and has been quick to adopt every method or idea which he has

believed to be of value in professional service. He has long enjoyed an extensive practice and he has the high regard of his professional brethren with whom he is brought into still closer connection through his membership in the Fond du Lac county and Wisconsin State Medical societies and the American Medical Association.

On the 16th of March, 1870, Dr. Bishop was married to Miss Cynthia A. Patchen, who is a native of the state of New York as were her parents, Terah J. and Sophronia (Sutton) Patchen, who, in 1856, arrived in Fond du Lac. Her father, a physician, died in Florida and the mother passed away in this city. They had two daughters, the younger being Fanny, the wife of Llewellyn Hunter. The elder became Mrs. Bishop and is the mother of one child, Marlea O., who is a teacher in Brunot Hall at Spokane, Washington, being at the head of the musical department in what is one of the leading schools of the northwest.

Dr. Llewellyn A. Bishop has attained high rank in Masonry and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He belongs to Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., Darling Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M., Fond du Lac Commandery, No. 5, K. T., and the Wisconsin Consistory, A. A. S. R. He is one of the well known Knights Templar of the state and is a past grand commander of the grand commandery of Wisconsin. He also belongs to Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. of P., of which he is a past chancellor and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is a man of considerable local influence in its councils. He has served for two terms as mayor of Fond du Lac, his reelection being indicative of the excellent record which he made during his first term. He is opposed to everything like fraud in municipal affairs and has a most hearty concern for the public welfare, leading in those movements which bring about the pure refinement and wholesome reforms that have been gradually growing in the political, municipal and social life of the city.

WILLIAM P. FAGAN.

William P. Fagan has been a lifelong farmer of Taycheedah township and his work has been attended by a substantial measure of success for he is industrious, energetic and determined. His place is largely devoted to dairy farming and his methods are practical and progressive. Mr. Fagan was born on the farm which is now his place of residence, this having been the old family homestead. His parents were John and Mary (Cody) Fagan, both natives of Ireland, whence they came to the new world in 1852. Making their way to Wisconsin they settled in Fond du Lac county and the father devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits.

In his boyhood days William P. Fagan attended the district schools, alternating his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. He has always been a farmer, nor has he sought to turn his efforts into other channels, for he finds this work congenial and as the result of his intelligently directed labor he has prospered. He has placed all of the improvements upon the farm, including new buildings, well kept fences and modern machinery. He is largely engaged in dairy farming and for this purpose keeps a goodly number of high-grade cattle. His dairy products by reason of their excellence find a ready sale on the market and his business is proving profitable.

In this county Mr. Fagan was married to Miss Catherine Bintz, in the year 1881. She is a daughter of Jacob and Anna Bintz, the former of whom is de-

ceased and the latter of whom resides in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Fagan have four children, namely: Robert M., aged sixteen years; Mary Irene, thirteen years of age; William James, eleven; and Hazel Catherine, three. The family attend St. Patrick's Catholic church, in the work of which they are much interested, and to the support of which church they contribute generously. William P. Fagan votes with the democratic party but is not a politician in the office-seeking sense of the word. Fraternally he is a member of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin. He has always lived in Taycheedah township and is well known to his fellow townsmen as a representative, progressive and reliable citizen whose business integrity is above question.

OLE A. ANDERSON.

Ole A. Anderson, who has been engaged in the real-estate business in Fond du Lac for the past seven years, is one of the enterprising citizens that Norway has contributed to this city. His birth occurred in the Norseland, his parents being Andrew O. and Martha (Christoferson) Anderson, likewise natives of Norway. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, emigrated to the United States with his family in 1881, locating in Dodgeville, Iowa county, this state.

Ole A. Anderson, who was only a child when he emigrated to America with his parents, completed his education in the public schools of Dodgeville, which he attended for two months. He continued to make his home in that town for twenty-four years and at the expiration of that time, in 1905, he came to Fond du Lac and established a real-estate office. As he is a diligent, enterprising man of reliable methods and sound integrity, he has won the respect and confidence of all with whom he has had transactions, and is building up an excellent business.

In Dodgeville Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana Francis, and to them have been born eight children: George A., Lillie N., Rudolph L., Almer F., Mattie, Stella, Nora and Charles.

The family manifest their religious faith through their membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. The political support of Mr. Anderson is accorded to the democratic party, and while residing in Dodgeville he served for nine years as clerk of the board of education and for two he was chairman of the board of election. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Mystic Workers and the Buffaloes, to the principles and teachings of which organizations he is very loyal.

MARION A. TRENTLAGE.

Marion A. Trentlage is one of the well known and successful agriculturists of Fond du Lac county, where he is engaged in the cultivation of his farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres located in the township of Eden. He is a son of John H. and Laura J. (Lake) Trentlage, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father was born in Germany in 1834 and emigrated to the United States in 1852, at the age of eighteen years. On reaching the shores of the new world he spent his first year in New York city, after which he removed to Chicago, where he was engaged as clerk for three years, and then took up employment in a hardware store in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin, to which he devoted his attention for a similar period, after which time his employers sent him to Campbellsport, in Fond du Lac county, to take charge of their store located at that place. He remained in that position for one year and then removed to Waucousta in the township of Osceola, where in company with J. D. Iding he opened a general merchandising establishment. The partnership formed between himself and Mr. Iding continued without interruption for twenty consecutive years. At the end of that period he purchased Mr. Iding's interest in the store and thereafter as proprietor of the business he continued to be engaged until 1898, after which he retired from active business cares and passed away in the year 1900. Mr. Trentlage was united in marriage to Miss Laura J. Lake, of Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of fourteen children, ten of whom are still living.

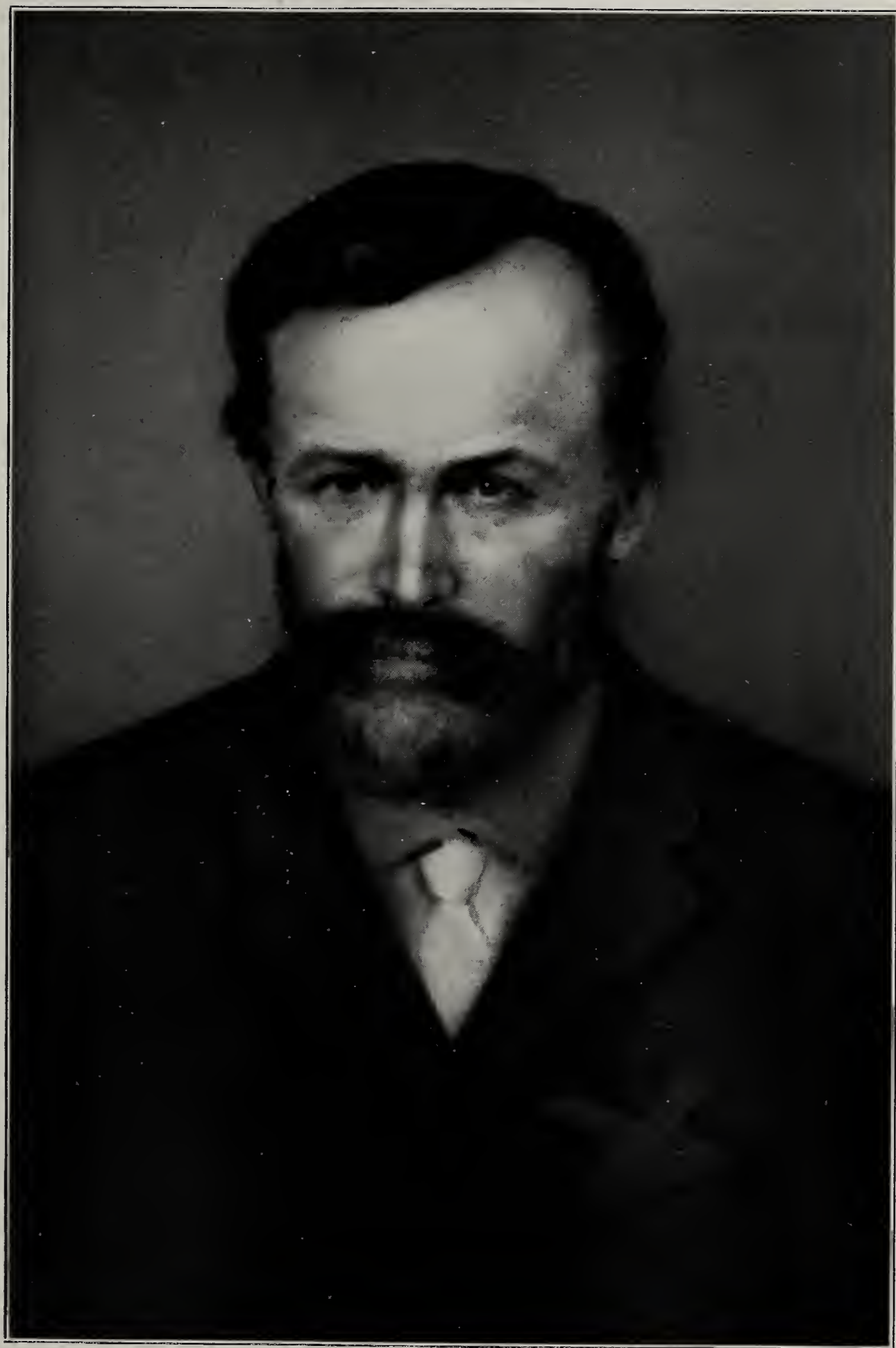
Marion A. Trentlage was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Wisconsin. He remained under the parental roof and was engaged in work with his father until the age of fifteen, at which time he started in life for himself as a farm laborer, working by the month, and in that business continued for some time. He later homesteaded eighty acres of land in Langlade county, Wisconsin, upon which he lived for seven months, and then returned to Fond du Lac county, where he continued to operate for a number of years. In 1902 he removed to Appleton, Wisconsin, and there took up work in the paper mills, at which employment he continued without interruption for seven years. At the end of that time he returned to Fond du Lac county and purchased a farm of ninety-four acres. He later purchased thirty acres, which he added to the ninety-four as above described, which now constitutes the home place. In the cultivation of this farm he has since been continuously and successfully engaged.

Mr. Trentlage was united in marriage at the age of twenty-five to Miss Minnie E. Williams, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bemsley Williams. To Mr. and Mrs. Trentlage three children have been born, Otto N., Gilbert L. and Ruth Ann. Mr. Trentlage has served as a member of the school board of his district for nine years and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Trentlage is one of the well known and respected citizens of his county and is always identified with matters of a public nature intended to improve the condition of the people of his county and state.

JOHN YAGER.

The death of John Yager on November 13, 1909, deprived Fond du Lac county of an enterprising and progressive citizen and the agricultural interests of the state of Wisconsin of a worthy and honorable representative. He was born near Eden on the 25th of January, 1860, and was the eldest son of Nicholas and Anna (Weisner) Yager. The parents were born in Germany but came to the United States in the early '50s, settling in Eden, Wisconsin.

John Yager received his early education in the district schools of his native county and pursued his studies until he was sixteen years of age. From that time until his death he was actively connected with the occupations of farming and lumbering in Fond du Lac county. He spent the first years of his active life in the employ of others and worked for five or six winters in the pine woods of Wisconsin but later abandoned this calling and never afterward resumed it. When he was twenty-six years of age he rented a farm three miles south of the city of Fond du Lac and here he lived for two years. In 1888 he removed to Byron township, where he occupied a farm as a renter and was active in the cultivation of the soil for seven years. He then returned to his native section and bought the old Yager homestead and its surrounding acres and made this



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his home for eleven years. In 1905 he removed to an adjoining farm and carried on farming there until his death, on November 13, 1909. He was well known throughout Fond du Lac county as a farmer interested in the modern development of his occupation. He ran a threshing outfit successfully for twenty years and gained a gratifying degree of prosperity during his life.

In 1886 Mr. Yager was married to Miss Amelia Huck, a daughter of Carl Huck, of Eden, and to this union were born eight children, Henry, Frank, Irvin, George, Mabel, Edna, Arthur and Mary. Mr. Yager was a devout adherent of the Roman Catholic religion and held membership in St. Mary's church of Eden. His wife and family are also adherents of the same faith and are actively connected with religious work in Fond du Lac county. He was a charter member of the Catholic Order of Foresters at Eden. Politically Mr. Yager gave his allegiance to the democratic party but never took an active part in local affairs, preferring to concentrate his attention upon the improvement and development of his farm. His death at the age of forty-nine interrupted a career which had been continuously successful since its beginning. Mr. Yager was a representative citizen of Eden and Fond du Lac county and he was well known and widely popular in his section of the country. Agricultural interests suffered a great loss by his death and his place in the community will be difficult to fill.

EVERETT W. CLARK.

The name of Everett W. Clark, president of the E. W. Clark Motor Car Company and also of the E. W. Clark Company, is widely and favorably known in the business circles of Fond du Lac. Not only is he one of the foremost representatives of the commercial fraternity of the city, but he has figured with equal prominence in municipal affairs, having served as mayor of the city for three years, while he has held various other political positions of importance and responsibility. He is a native of this county, his birth having occurred in the town of Forest on the 29th of October, 1870. His parents were William and Arvilla (Ehle) Clark, of whom the former passed away about 1874. The mother is now living at Sheboygan Falls, Wis.

Everett W. Clark, who was only a child of about four years when his father died, was reared by his maternal grandfather, Harrison Ehle. He pursued his education in the country schools until he was a youth of about twelve years, when he laid aside his text-books and began earning his own livelihood. For three years thereafter he worked on a farm, but at the expiration of that time he obtained a position in an implement store. He remained in the employ of others for twenty years, and during the greater part of that time was engaged in the sale of farming implements and various kinds of vehicles. In 1904 he engaged in the automobile business and three years later organized the E. W. Clark Motor Company, of which he is the president, C. J. Hinn being vice president, J. W. Immel, secretary, and Anton Hoenigsberg, treasurer. Mr. Clark is also the president and founder of the E. W. Clark Company, wholesale dealers in buggies and cutters. He is likewise treasurer of the latter company and O. A. Kuhn is secretary. He possesses keen powers of discernment in business affairs, is a capable organizer and has remarkable executive ability, all of which have figured prominently in promoting his progress and the development of the enterprises he has founded and is directing.

Mr. Clark married Miss Rose Kuhn of Jefferson, Wisconsin, a daughter of Frederick Kuhn, a farmer of Jefferson county, and to them have been born two children, June and Francis.

In religious faith the family are Methodists, and fraternally Mr. Clark is a member of the Masonic order, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Independent

Order of Odd Fellows and the United Commercial Travelers. He is a staunch democrat in his political views and in the spring of 1908 was elected mayor of Fond du Lac, in which capacity he served for three years, discharging the duties of his office with the promptness and efficiency that characterize him in his business transactions. Prior to this he was president of the board of trustees of the county asylum and poor farm, having assumed the duties of this office in 1903. Mr. Clark is active and enterprising in matters of business and conducts his affairs in strict accordance with the highest standards of commercial integrity, and in citizenship he is public-spirited and progressive, giving his cooperation to every movement that he feels will forward the welfare of the community.

TITUS C. WILSIE.

Scientific efficiency is the watchword of progress today. Knowledge to be productive must be detailed and specialized, must take into consideration modern methods and must expand and develop along progressive lines. A man who brings to the cultivation of his fine tract of three hundred and ten acres in Springvale township all the most modern ideas in agriculture is Titus C. Wilsie, owner of the Maple Lawn Stock Farm, and one of the most prominent agriculturists and stock-breeders in Fond du Lac county. Mr. Wilsie is a native of Wisconsin, born in Metomen township, July 13, 1864. He is a son of Reuben M. and Bethia C. (Hobbie) Wilsie. The father was born in Newberg, now Cleveland, Ohio, April 4, 1822, the son of Peter and Phoebe (Titus) Wilsie. He spent his early boyhood in his native section and when he started in independent life, became a manufacturer of dental tools. After his marriage he took up farming, and in 1856 came to Wisconsin, where he acquired possession of forty acres of government land in Metomen township and began its cultivation. He was gradually successful and added to his holdings from time to time until he owned a valuable and well managed property. He also operated a threshing outfit for several years. He lived upon his original tract until a short time before his death, when he came to make his home with our subject. He died at the home of a son in Green Bay, February 18, 1902. He was a devout Quaker, having been reared in this religious belief. His wife, of German and New England stock, was born January 29, 1844, in Dutchess county, New York. She died at her son's home on June 8, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben M. Wilsie were the parents of five children: George H., who is connected with a railroad at El Centro, California; Willis Emmett, a farmer living near that city; Clara J., who married William Siebert in 1898, and who died on December 22d of the same year; Titus C., of this review; and Josephine A., a graduate of Trinity College for Trained Nurses, in Milwaukee, and who is now following her profession in Spokane, Washington. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Caleb Knapp Hobbie, who was born in Pack's Slip, New York city, October 5, 1785, and was the only son of Caleb Hobbie, of Horseneck, Connecticut. Caleb Knapp Hobbie married Clarissa Clark, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Clock) Clark, of Bedford, New York, by whom he had eleven children. The parents of our subject were among the early settlers of Wisconsin and helped to organize the Grange at Brandon, taking an active interest in its success during their lives.

Titus C. Wilsie attended the district schools of Metomen township and was graduated from the Brandon high school. He fitted himself for teaching and followed this occupation for two years near his home. At the end of that time he took up farming upon the property where he now lives and where he has maintained his residence continuously, with the exception of three years spent on his orange farm in the Imperial valley, California. This tract of land he

still owns. Mr. Wilsie is the proprietor of three hundred and ten acres of finely improved and highly developed land on section 33, Springvale township. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising, his labors being always of a progressive and constructive kind. He has made substantial improvements upon his place and has added greatly to the value of his property. His stock-raising, which constitutes an important branch of his enterprise, is carried on expertly and scientifically. For years he owned a large Holstein herd which he kept for dairy purposes, operating a cheese factory upon his farm. He is an able financier and an enterprising business man, his keen sagacity and industry constituting the basis of his present well deserved prosperity and he is also known as an experimenter in different fields of agriculture. In 1911 he raised the first hemp in this section of the country, planting ten acres, which yielded a fine crop. In 1912 he planted forty acres and is contemplating enlarging this branch of his activities. Mr. Wilsie is interested in scientific agriculture, not only as it affects his individual success, but also in a broader way, believing that new methods and modern ideas will soon make the occupation a systematic science. He is one of the organizers of and stockholders in the Farmers' Elevator Company of Brandon and in the Waupun Creamery Company of Waupun township. His farm is known as the Maple Lawn Stock Farm and presents an attractive picture of well cultivated fields with suitable barns, granaries and other outbuildings. It is one of the model and flourishing enterprises of its kind in Fond du Lac county.

September 27, 1888, Mr. Wilsie was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Skinner, who was born August 30, 1866, and who is a daughter of Levi F. and Philinda (Whiting) Skinner. The father was born near Buffalo, in the Boston valley, New York, in 1832, and the mother was also a native of the Empire state. They came to Wisconsin at an early date, settling during the Civil war on the farm where Mr. Wilsie now resides. Mr. Skinner was a prosperous farmer and stockman and grew to be a large landowner. He died in 1897. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilsie were born five children, of whom the eldest son died in infancy. Those who survive are: Frank Levi, born November 10, 1895, and now attending the Brandon high school; Walter Whiting, who was born March 27, 1900, and is attending district school No. 5; Carroll Paton, who was born October 13, 1902, and is also attending district school No. 5; and Perry Atwood, who was born November 23, 1905, and is attending the same school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilsie are members of the Congregational church of Springvale township. For twenty-three years our subject was superintendent of the Sunday school and is now serving as church trustee. He is a member of the Equitable Fraternal Union of Brandon, Wisconsin, and is numbered among the substantial and prosperous farmers of the section in which he resides. Agricultural development in Fond du Lac county owes a distinct advance in its progress to Titus C. Wilsie, who has developed a thoroughly modern enterprise along the most progressive lines. In this way his life has been more than individually successful; it has been broadly useful and valuable.

JOHN C. CODY.

The excellent improvements upon the two hundred and thirty-two acre farm owned by John C. Cody make it one of the valuable properties of the district. Upon this place John C. Cody was born in 1855, a representative of one of the pioneer families of Fond du Lac county. His father, Kieran Cody, married Rose Anna Whalen, a daughter of Martin Whalen. Both the father and mother of our subject were natives of Ireland, the latter being about fifteen years of age when she came to the new world. The former, reared and edu-

cated in his native land, secured employment in his early manhood at Liverpool. He was a ship carpenter by trade and on coming to the United States settled first in New York city. He arrived in Fond du Lac county about 1853, settling first in the city of Fond du Lac but later taking up his abode upon a farm in Taycheedah township. The remainder of his life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits, his labors being ended in death in 1896. His wife has also passed away.

John C. Cody spent his boyhood and youth in the usual manner of farm lads in a community which still showed many evidences of pioneer life. The work of development and improvement had been carried forward only to a limited extent during the period of his early youth, so that he has witnessed many of the changes that have occurred, bringing the county to its present prosperous and advanced condition. He attended the country schools and when not busy with his text-books worked in the fields.

In 1891 John C. Cody was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Manning, and to them have been born nine children, John K., William F., Rose A., Marie, Tessie, Edwin, Florence, Gertrude and Elizabeth. The family home is an attractive one built in the midst of two hundred and thirty-two fertile acres. In the rear of the residence stand good barns and outbuildings, furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock, and these in turn are surrounded by well tilled fields devoted to the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. The work of improvement has been carried steadily forward until his is one of the most attractive farms of the section. Mr. Cody has sought to enter no other line of business for he has found agriculture congenial and his energy and enterprise have brought him substantial success. The family are communicants of the Catholic church. John C. Cody is chairman of the board of supervisors which position he has filled for twelve years, his reelection to office indicating how capably he has discharged his duties. He served as a member of the school board from 1888 until 1900 and has done much to further the interests of public education in his locality. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and at all times he stands for that which is progressive, being actuated ever by a public-spirited devotion to the general good.

JOHN E. PEEBLES.

John E. Peebles, who is well entitled to a place among the worthy native sons and substantial agriculturists of Fond du Lac county, has resided on his present farm in Taycheedah township for the past thirty-three years. His birth occurred in the town of Taycheedah in the year 1855, his parents being Ezra and Marguerite (Van Valkenberg) Peebles, who were natives of New York and Pennsylvania respectively. The town of Peebles in this county is named in honor of Ezra Peebles, who at one time owned most of the land in that locality. The house in which Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Peebles married still stands by the old woolen mills but is deserted.

John E. Peebles has made his home on the farm where he now lives, in Taycheedah township, for the past thirty-three years. During that period he has made many substantial improvements thereon, has erected a barn and also remodeled the house. About forty acres of the place were cleared by him. The property is devoted principally to dairy farming and is now operated by Clarence E. Peebles, the son of our subject. John E. Peebles is numbered among the successful and enterprising agriculturists of the community.

In 1880 Mr. Peebles was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Charles, her parents being John and Marinda Charles, of Fond du Lac county. Mr. and

Mrs. Peebles have two children: Lila M., at home; and Clarence Ezra. Both are still under the parental roof. In politics John E. Peebles is a republican, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He has always lived in Fond du Lac county and the sterling traits of his character are well known to his fellow townsmen, the great majority of whom number him as a friend.

MARCUS D. KLOTZ.

Marcus D. Klotz, who owns and operates a valuable farm of eighty acres in Eden township, is one of the worthy native sons of Fond du Lac county, having been born on the home farm here on the 17th of May, 1881. His father, Ignatius Klotz, whose birth occurred in Austria in 1842, accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States in 1848, the family home being established in Eden township, this county. There Ignatius Klotz continued to reside until 1889, when he took up his abode in Campbellsport, Wisconsin. In 1880 he was elected to represent his district in the general assembly and four years later was chosen state senator, making an enviable record in both capacities. He was a prominent factor in business circles, serving as president of the Campbellsport Mutual Fire Insurance Company from the time of its organization in 1895 until his death in 1911. The period of his residence in this county covered more than six decades and he was long numbered among its leading and prosperous citizens. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Maria Wenzel is now living in Campbellsport. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Klotz were born five children, namely: Marcus D., of this review; Estella; Ignatius; Olive; and Irene.

Marcus D. Klotz obtained his education in the parochial and district schools of Campbellsport and remained on the home farm assisting in its operation, until he purchased a tract of land of his own. It was in 1912 that he bought the farm of eighty acres in Eden township on which he now resides and in the further cultivation and improvement of which he is engaged. He is thoroughly familiar with the most modern methods of agriculture and is well entitled to recognition among the substantial and enterprising young farmers of the community.

In 1906, Marcus D. Klotz was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Meade, a daughter of Thomas Meade. He is a devout communicant of St. James church at Eden. Having always lived in this county, he is well known, and that he has ever merited the esteem and good-will of his fellow townsmen is indicated by his popularity, for he has a large circle of warm friends.

JOHN HEATH.

John Heath is accounted one of the progressive, enterprising and highly valued citizens of Fond du Lac because of his close association with commercial affairs and his activity in public interests. He is president of the O'Brien Dry Goods Company; has been president of the city council, president of the board of education, and is now president of the library board. On every hand are found tangible evidences of his loyalty to the best interests of the community and his resultant labors in behalf of public progress and improvement.

John Heath is a native of England. He was born in Over, Cheshire, June 13, 1847, his parents being Samuel and Martha (Bowden) Heath. The former

was a son of John Heath, an English farmer, who spent his entire life in his native land. He and his wife had a large family and both lived to old age.

Although Samuel Heath spent his boyhood on his father's farm, he became a contractor of Cheshire and there died in 1882, when sixty-seven years of age. His wife was a comparatively young woman when called to her final rest. Both were faithful members of the Methodist church and Samuel Heath was prominent in public affairs. He served as the first president of the local board of Crewe, England, and held several other government offices but lived retired for a quarter of a century before his demise. To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Heath were born five children who reached adult age: Samuel, who is living in Manchester, England; John; Thomas Henry, deceased; Nathan Richard, who passed away in Fond du Lac; and Mary Alice, who is the wife of Rev. Thomas Powell, of Timaru, New Zealand.

John Heath was reared in England, largely spending his boyhood and youth in Crewe, to which place his parents removed during his early childhood. His education, however, was obtained at Over, where he was born, and attended a private school. He afterward served an apprenticeship in the machinists' trade, but on account of ill health gave up that pursuit, and on the advice of his family physician came to the United States, settling at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in 1867, where he secured a clerkship in the store of the late B. Wild with whom he remained as a salesman for two years. At the end of that time he was admitted to partnership in the business which was afterward operated under the firm style of B. Wild & Company. This was in 1869 and they were associated as partners for about twenty-two years, or until they sold out to the American Biscuit Company in 1891. John Heath then became assistant manager for that company in Fond du Lac and remained in that position until the business was merged with the National Biscuit Company. He was afterward engaged as assistant manager for the latter company at this point until he became a member of the O'Brien Dry Goods Company, of which he is now the president. They do an extensive business, employing a large force of sales people and theirs is an up-to-date and well appointed establishment to which the public accords a large patronage. Mr. Heath is recognized as a man of sound business judgment and unfaltering energy and his well formulated plans find their justification in the success which follows their execution. In addition to his commercial interests he is known in financial circles as a stockholder in the Fond du Lac National Bank.

On the 8th of June, 1869, occurred the marriage of John Heath and Miss Sarah J. Wild, a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Bonell) Wild. Mr. and Mrs. John Heath have become the parents of four children. William Henry, the eldest, was married twice. He first wedded May Vivian Richie and they had six children, Sarah Vivian, John R., Marion Curson, William Bayard, George and Edward. For his second wife he chose Hattie Kayser and by their marriage he has two children, Samuel Richard and Catharine Elizabeth. He is manager of the advertising department of the Wood County Reporter at Grand Rapids, Wisconsin. Frank Howarth, the second son of our subject, is city editor of the Daily Commonwealth, of Fond du Lac. He married Hazel E. Weil and they have two children, Sarah Eleanor and Dorothy Frances. Samuel Wild, the third son, is connected with the American Radiator Company of Milwaukee, as an architect salesman. The fourth child of John Heath died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Heath are both members of the Episcopal church and are much interested in the moral progress of the community. Fraternally John Heath is connected with Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. of P., and is a charter member of Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 57, B. P. O. E. Politically he is a democrat. He is prominent in public affairs having served as alderman of the old second ward and also as president of the city council in which connection he exercised his official prerogatives in support of many public measures. He has been president of the board of education and is now president of the library board.

It was through his influence and under his administration that the Union, Lincoln and Washington school buildings were erected and various other improvements made to school property while the system of instruction was greatly enhanced by the adoption of modern progressive methods. As a business man he is notably prompt, energetic and reliable yet individual interests by no means comprise the extent of his activities as the public has benefited by his labors in large measure.

ALBERT SANDER.

Albert Sander is one of the proprietors of the Sander Brothers Brewing Company of Fond du Lac. He was born November 24, 1859, at Plymouth, this state, and is a son of Adam and Gertrude (Gaubenheimer) Sander, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born on the 10th of March, 1832, and in the early days of his manhood he emigrated to America, making his first settlement in Baltimore, Maryland, whence he removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained for some time and later removed to Plymouth and from that place to Fond du Lac in 1864. Shortly after reaching that city he established himself in the brewing business late in the year 1864 and continued to give his undivided attention to that business for a period of thirty-four years thereafter. He began in the brewing business in a very modest way but by careful attention to that industry he succeeded in developing a very large and prosperous enterprise, which for many years has been one of the substantial manufacturing concerns of Fond du Lac. In 1898, owing to his very advanced age, he placed the operation of the Sander Brothers Brewing Company in the hands of his sons and retired from the active management of the concern. To Mr. and Mrs. Sander five children were born, Christina, Albert, Lena, Clara and Edwin. The last named married Minnie Jenz, of Fond du Lac, a daughter of John Jenz. To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sander three children have been born, Gertrude, Edwin, Jr., and Esther. Adam Sander passed away on the 8th of July, 1901.

Albert Sander was reared in his parents' home and received his education in the public schools of Fond du Lac and later in the German English Academy. At the age of fourteen he became an employe in his father's brewery and as such and later as owner he has continued to devote his entire time to the interests of that business. In 1898, on account of the extreme age of their father and the increasing business interests of the brewing plant, the sons assumed the control and management of that establishment and continued to operate the business until 1901, at which time Mr. Sander and his brother Edwin became owners of the property, which they have since continued to successfully operate. The plant now has a capacity of six thousand barrels per annum and is rapidly increasing its output with each year. Since taking over the plant various improvements have been made, which have contributed largely to the convenience and facility of its operation, and recently they have installed a new and up-to-date bottling establishment and a modern ice plant. The Sander Brothers brewing establishment is located on eleven acres of land south of Fond du Lac, with a frontage on the Fond du Lac & Milwaukee road, and their postoffice address is R. F. D. No. 5.

Mr. Sander was united in marriage in 1886 to Miss Minnie Doese, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Doese. To Mr. and Mrs. Sander two children have been born, Alfred and Edith. Mr. Sander is a member of the National Union also the Turners' Association. In politics he is affiliated with the democratic party, and he and his wife are both members of the Lutheran church. He is one of the well known men of Fond du Lac county and in all his business transactions

is known to be a man of strict integrity, and is distinguished among his friends and associates for his industrious habits and business ability.

CHARLES HENDRICKSON ANDERSON.

Charles Hendrickson Anderson is the vice president and treasurer of the Fond du Lac Lumber Company and has made his home in Wisconsin since 1871, and the city of Fond du Lac since 1902. Close application and unfaltering energy in commercial and industrial pursuits have brought him to his present prominent position, wherein his labors are being crowned by a gratifying measure of success. He is a native of New Jersey, his birth having occurred in Springfield, July 25, 1851. His parents were Robert C. and Ellen Louise (Hendrickson) Anderson, who were likewise natives of New Jersey. The paternal grandfather, Andrew P. Anderson, died in that state at an old age after rearing a large family that included Andrew, Robert C., James and Edward Anderson. The maternal grandfather of Charles H. Anderson was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife, who were natives of Pennsylvania, spent their last years at Freehold, New Jersey.

Robert C. Anderson was reared in Springfield, New Jersey, there learned the tailor's trade and afterward became a clothier of that city. Subsequently he carried on a similar business at Columbia, South Carolina, and at Nashville, Tennessee, and in his later years he and his wife came to Fond du Lac county to make their home with their son, Charles H., at Rosendale. The father died in the '90s when eighty-six years of age, having for three years survived his wife who passed away at the age of seventy-three. Both held membership in the Presbyterian church and were devout Christian people, loyal to their faith and exemplified in their lives their Christian belief. In their family were seven children, of whom four reached adult age as follows: William, who died in 1873; Sarah, the wife of Alfred A. English of Jersey City; Henry M., who makes his home in Kansas City, Missouri; and Charles H.

The last named spent his youthful days in Springfield, New Jersey, and was a pupil in the public school there. After the removal of the family to Jersey City he secured employment in New York city, where he continued until 1871, when he came to Wisconsin, settling in Rosendale. For five years he was employed in a cheese factory there and later secured a position in a general mercantile store, with which he remained until 1878, when he came to Fond du Lac and entered the employ of the J. C. Whittelsey Dry Goods Company. Three years were thus passed, after which he returned to Rosendale and engaged in general merchandising on his own account until 1902. In that year he again came to Fond du Lac, where he still makes his home, and in 1903 he bought an interest in the Fond du Lac Lumber Company, of which he is now vice president, treasurer and manager. He is recognized as a man of keen business discernment, of sound judgment and of unfaltering enterprise. He has thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of the lumber trade, has studied the market and has thus been able to promote the interests of the company until the business is now one of large and gratifying proportions.

On the 4th of January, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Anderson and Miss Minnie A. Jenkins, who was born in Rosendale, Wisconsin, and is a daughter of Elias S. and Minerva (Burt) Jenkins, who were natives of New York and became early residents of Fond du Lac county, spending their last days in Rosendale. They had two children, Minnie A. and William A. After the death of the mother the father married again, his second union being with Miss Eva White. They were the parents of three children, George, John and Emma. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been born two children: Jessie

P., who is a stenographer; and Robert S., who is a bookkeeper in the Fond du Lac National Bank.

Mr. Anderson gives his political support to the democratic party but is without desire or ambition for public office. He belongs to Fountain Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M., Darling Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M., Fond du Lac Commandery No. 5, K. T., Wisconsin Consistory A. A. S. R., and Tripoli Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a permanent member of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin. He is serving as eminent commander of the Knights Templar and is well known in Masonic circles. His loyalty to the craft and his support of its interests make him one of its prominent representatives. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their influence is always given on the side of progress, improvement, truth and righteousness. The life history of Mr. Anderson is much less spectacular than that of the political or military leader, but it is none the less important and none the less valuable. The substantial citizens of the community are they who day after day are prompt and faithful in the discharge of their duties in business life and in citizenship, and such has been the record of him whose name introduces this review. Wherever known he is held in warm regard, and most of all, where he is best known, for his many sterling traits of character have commended him to the esteem and good-will of all with whom he has come in contact.

G. T. A. VAN HENGEL, M. D.

Dr. G. T. A. Van Hengel is one of the oldest physicians of Waupun, where he has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession since 1869. He was born on the 27th of April, 1843, in the province of Gelderland, in The Netherlands, and is a son of Arnold Van Hengel, one of the distinguished physicians of Holland. He was reared at home and in his native land received his elementary education in the public schools and there also received the required military training. He later pursued a college course preparatory to his medical studies and entered upon the study of medicine in 1861, and was graduated with honors from the University of Amsterdam, one of the well known medical schools of Holland, in the class of 1865. He emigrated to America in 1869, settling first in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and shortly after took up his permanent abode at Waupun, where he opened his offices and engaged in the general practice of his profession, in which he has since continued without interruption to the present time. He is the owner of a very fine farm of one hundred and forty-five and one-half acres located four miles north of Waupun and has given scientific attention to its development and cultivation.

In November, 1874, Dr. Van Hengel was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wellhouse, a native of Alto, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Wellhouse. The father and mother were natives of Holland and came to America and settled on a farm in Wisconsin in 1845. The father passed away in 1886 and the mother in 1898. In his family were eight children. To Dr. and Mrs. Van Hengel nine children have been born: Arnold, John and William, who all died in 1885 aged respectively nine, seven and four years; Arnold II, who passed away in 1886; Arnold III, who is twenty-five years of age and is a druggist of Fond du Lac; John, who is sixteen years of age and is attending the high school; Elizabeth, at home; Jennie, who is employed as bookkeeper by the Zimmerman Carriage Company; and Minnie, who is assistant in the office of E. C. Hooker.

Dr. Van Hengel is affiliated with the democratic party and is a member of the Congregational church of Waupun. He is a member of the Wisconsin

State Medical Society, the Dodge County Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is one of the best known citizens of his part of the state and during his long life of active service in the practice of his profession he has ever been known to be a man of strict integrity of character and one of the most useful citizens of his adopted county and state.

FRED N. FRAZIER.

Fred N. Frazier is successfully engaged in business in association with his brothers, Ulysses A. and Louis E., conducting a well appointed grocery establishment under the name of Frazier Brothers at No. 383 Emma street, in Fond du Lac.

His birth occurred in Oakfield, Wisconsin, on the 12th of August, 1879, his parents being Nelson F. and Alice (Ziegler) Frazier, the former a native of St. Albans, Vermont, and the latter of Oakfield this state. Nelson Frazier is an agriculturist by occupation. Unto him and his wife have been born four children, as follows: Mary E.; Fred N., who wedded Miss Isabelle Scholl, of Fond du Lac, and has three children, Ruby A., Pearl K. and Harry N.; and Ulysses A. and Louis E., who are twins. The last named attended the graded and high schools until seventeen years of age and then embarked in business in association with their brother, Fred N., opening a first-class grocery store at No. 383 Emma street, Fond du Lac. The Frazier Brothers have built up an enviable and lucrative patronage and have gained the good-will of the purchasing public by reason of their straightforward, reliable business methods and reasonable prices. They carry an extensive line of staple and fancy groceries and are widely recognized as young men of enterprising and progressive spirit.

Fred N. Frazier gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He is a devout communicant of St. Mary's church. He is well known socially and politically throughout the county, having served as member of the common council of Fond du Lac, and at present is school commissioner of the third ward.

GERRIT REXWINKLE.

Gerrit Rexwinkle is one of the successful business men of Waupun where he, in company with Dores Giebink, is engaged in the general produce business under the firm name of the Waupun Produce Company. He was born in Albany, New York, August 7, 1860, and is a son of John and Dinah (Kleinheselink) Rexwinkle, who emigrated from Gelderland, Holland, to America at an early day, settling first on a farm in Alto township, Fond du Lac county, in 1860, and there continued to reside until 1875 when they removed to Alton, Iowa, where they now make their home. They became the parents of five children.

Gerrit Rexwinkle was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Wisconsin and Iowa. As a young man he was engaged in work on his father's farm until the age of eighteen at which time he started out in life for himself, his first employment being that of a clerk in a store at Alton, Iowa, after which he was a railroad employe for some time and later was appointed chief of police of Alton, in which office he served for six years

and then filled the office of deputy sheriff for two years. He afterward engaged in the grain business in Waupun in which he continued for two years and in 1904 he established himself in the general produce business, to which he has since given his entire attention and has met with gratifying success. The firm is now preparing to erect a suitable two-story brick structure, forty-eight by one hundred feet, in which to conduct their business. The building will include a cold storage plant equipped with all the latest and most modern improvements. The Waupun Produce Company is one of the most successful of its kind in central Wisconsin, having done a business since 1904 of thirty-five thousand dollars per annum.

Mr. Rexwinkle was united in marriage in 1900 to Miss Annie Boom, of Alto, Wisconsin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Boom, who were among the early settlers of Alto, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Rexwinkle two children were born, Harriet and John. Mr. Rexwinkle is one of the most successful and enterprising business men of his portion of the state and a man respected for his integrity in all his business transactions with the general public.

AUSTIN H. RICHARDSON.

Austin H. Richardson is the secretary, treasurer and general manager of the National Food Company, having its place of business at 183-187 Western avenue, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. His birth occurred in Winooski, Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, on the 4th of June, 1853, his parents being Lucien B. and Elsie (Austin) Richardson, who were natives of New York and Ohio, respectively. His paternal grandfather, Josiah Hamilton Richardson, was a native of the Empire state and at one time served as sheriff of the city of Buffalo. Unto him and his wife were born four children, namely: Lucien B., Wallace W., Ephraim and Marcia. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a farmer by occupation. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Lucy; William; George; Elsie and Eleanor, twins; Caroline; Henry; Emeline; and Allen.

Lucien B. Richardson, the father of Austin H. Richardson, was reared in Buffalo county, New York, and was by occupation a carpenter. He moved to Ohio and settled in Tuscarawas county, where he remained for some time, after which he moved to Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where he continued in the business of his craft and where after a time he built a water mill one mile west of Winooski. This mill he operated only for a short time and on selling out his interests in 1856 he moved to the state of Iowa and settled in North English, Iowa county, where he continued to follow his trade and where he also operated a mill. In addition to his milling interests he employed a large number of carpenters, doing a general contracting and building business. He was twice married, his first wife, the mother of our subject, passing away at North English in 1865. For his second wife he chose Mrs. Martha Lutton. His demise occurred in North English, April 6, 1887, when he had attained the age of sixty-two years. Unto Lucien B. and Elsie (Austin) Richardson were born five children, two of whom grew to maturity: Austin H., of this review; and Adella E., who met her death as the result of a runaway accident when a young lady of twenty-six. She was born September 26, 1859, and was killed November 16, 1885.

Austin H. Richardson was reared at North English in the state of Iowa and in his early boyhood he attended the public schools at that place. He moved from North English to Linden township, Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where he was employed by his uncle, C. B. Briggs, on a farm and remained in his service for three years. He then came to Fond du Lac, where he has since

maintained his residence. He attended the high school of the city of Fond du Lac, making his home with G. W. Sexsmith, for whom he worked for his board during his time of attendance at school. At the conclusion of his high-school course he immediately entered S. D. Mann's Commercial College, of Fond du Lac, and on graduating from this institution he was employed by Mr. Sexsmith as clerk in a grocery store for a year and a half, at the end of which time he became the manager of the store and continued in this relation for the following five years. Having by this time practical experience in the mercantile business, in company with O. E. Pritchard, he purchased the store and continued the business under the firm name of Pritchard & Richardson. He afterward sold his interest in the mercantile business and entered the employ of Smith & Chandler as traveling salesman, continuing in this line for a term of seventeen years, after which he was made general manager of the firm and continued in this capacity for three and a half years. He then severed his connection with the house and returned to Fond du Lac, where he took charge of the National Food Company, in which business he is now engaged.

On the 1st of November, 1877, Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Inez A. White, a daughter of George and Adelaide C. (Blakesley) White. To this union two children were born. Charles F., an electrician, who was born July 28, 1879, is married and resides at Brazil, Indiana, where he is superintendent and manager of a large electrical plant. Ernest L., born August 5, 1881, is employed as teller in the Fond du Lac National Bank and has his residence in the city of Fond du Lac. He wedded Miss Sadie Kuechenberg, the daughter of Hubert Kuechenberg. Mrs. Inez A. Richardson, the mother of these children, died in 1889, aged thirty-seven years. For his second wife Mr. Richardson chose Miss Estelle E. Cuddebach, their marriage being celebrated on December 24, 1893. She was a native of Washington county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Cuddebach. She is also deceased, having been called to her final rest on the 12th of September, 1908, when forty-two years of age. Mr. Richardson is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M.; Darling Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M.; and Fond du Lac Chapter, No. 70, Eastern Star. He is a well known and highly respected citizen of the county, where he has spent the major portion of his life, and is active in all interests looking to the welfare of his city.

MICHAEL McCABE.

Michael McCabe, who has lived in Fond du Lac county for more than six decades, has here been identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, and owns a productive and well improved farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Taycheedah township. His birth occurred in Ireland in the year 1828, his parents being Hugh and Bridget (Gartland) McCabe. Emigrating to the United States, they settled first in the east and thence came direct to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, taking up their abode here in 1848.

Michael McCabe learned the carpenter's trade in Ireland, worked at it in the city of Fond du Lac for a few years, and subsequently removed to the farm which is now in his possession. He was a young man of twenty years when he came to this county. He well remembers the Indians who at that time still frequented this part of the country but he never had any trouble with them. The farm of one hundred and seventy acres which he now owns was covered with timber and rocks when it first came into his possession and the work of clearing devolved entirely upon him. All of the buildings on the place were

erected by him and stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. Owing to his careful management and progressive methods he has annually harvested good crops, raising principally oats, barley and corn.

In 1859 Mr. McCabe was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Doyle, by whom he has seven children, Hugh, Michael, Agnes, Kate, Rose, Mary and Ellen. He and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church. He generally votes the democratic ticket but is independent in local political affairs. He has now passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey and enjoys the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

GUSTAVE F. MIESKE.

Gustave F. Mieske, a general farmer, stock-raiser and dairyman, is the owner of a well improved tract of land comprising one hundred and thirty acres on section 36, Metomen township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 2d of August, 1861, his parents being Julius and Tina (Frietz) Mieske, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father, a tailor by trade, passed away in 1876, while the mother was called to her final rest in 1878. Their children were three in number, namely: Gustave F., of this review; Minnie, the wife of Adolph Radcke, a merchant of Nelsonville, Wisconsin; and Edward, who is employed as a clerk at Monticello, Minnesota.

Gustave F. Mieske spent the first twenty years of his life in his native land and there obtained his education. In 1881 he emigrated to the United States, locating in Green Lake county, Wisconsin. Confronted by the necessity of providing for his own livelihood in a new and strange land, he scorned no employment that would yield him an honest dollar. Later, however, he worked as a farm hand by the month. In 1885 he was married and started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating a rented farm on shares for several years. In 1892 he took up his abode in Metomen township, Fond du Lac county, cultivating rented land for ten years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty acres on section 36, Metomen township, in the further cultivation and improvement of which he has been engaged continuously since and which is now one of the most attractive and productive properties of the vicinity. He is engaged in general farming, stock-raising and dairying and has prospered in all of his undertakings. The head of his herd is a registered red polled bull which he bought at West Bend, Wisconsin.

On the 1st of February, 1885, Mr. Mieske was united in marriage to Miss Kate Bender, a daughter of Andrew and Hattie (Laper) Bender, who lived on a farm in Columbia county, Wisconsin. The father was born in Germany in 1838, and the mother's birth occurred also in that country in 1841. Andrew Bender emigrated to the United States in the early '50s, locating in Marquette county, Wisconsin, where he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He accumulated between two and three hundred acres of land and continued to reside thereon until the time of his demise, which occurred in 1894. His widow still resides on the home place with her son George. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Mrs. Kate Mieske, who was born in Columbia county, Wisconsin, on the 6th of January, 1863; Minnie, the wife of Charles Krantz, an agriculturist residing at Markesan, Wisconsin; Mary, who is the wife of Charles Moore, a farmer of Columbia county, Wisconsin; William, a farmer of Markesan, Wisconsin; Henry, who is engaged in the livery business at Markesan, this state; George, who operates the home farm; Jacob, an agriculturist residing at Brandon; Hattie, who is at home; and Maggie and

Charles, both of whom are deceased. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Mieske are as follows: Samuel, who was born on the 1st of November, 1885, and is a locomotive engineer of Milwaukee; Elizabeth, born February 3, 1887, who is still at home; Mary, whose birth occurred on the 6th of May, 1889, and who is employed as stenographer by the L. I. Cole Company of Milwaukee; William E., whose natal day was May 14, 1891; Theodore J., born December 5, 1894; Harry, whose birth occurred on the 23d of October, 1899; and Isabelle, born December 14, 1905. The four last named are under the parental roof.

Politically Mr. Mieske is a republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masons of Brandon, this county. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Brandon and is widely recognized as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of his community. The Congregational church of Brandon numbers him among its valued members and his wife and children are also connected therewith. Coming to the new world in early manhood, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities offered in a land unhampered by caste or class and has steadily worked his way upward to a position among the substantial and respected citizens of Fond du Lac county.

FERDINAND BOTHE.

The active career of Ferdinand Bothe has made the state of Wisconsin richer by one highly improved and scientifically operated farm. He has been identified with agricultural interests in Fond du Lac county for many years and has cultivated his holdings along the most advanced and modern principles. He is of German descent and his father, Ferdinand Bothe, Sr., who founded the family in America, was for many years one of the representative citizens of Fond du Lac county. The elder Mr. Bothe was born in Germany and married Miss Lena Eugerman, in his native country. They came to the United States in the early '50s and spent one year in Missouri before they came to Wisconsin. Here the father bought twenty acres of land in Forest township and lived upon his holdings for two or three years, at the end of which time he purchased forty acres in Empire township and improved and operated this property for ten years. He subsequently bought eighty acres more in Empire township and lived in that section until he made his home with his son, Ferdinand, near Eden, where he died in 1906, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife's death occurred in 1903, when she was in the seventy-second year of her age.

Ferdinand Bothe is one of seven children born to his parents, six of whom are still living. His birth occurred August 15, 1862, in the township of Forest, Fond du Lac county. He was born in the old log cabin which is built upon his first Wisconsin farm and his childhood was spent amid the scenes of pioneer agriculture. He attended district school No. 1, Empire township, but his advantages in this respect were extremely limited. Upon laying aside his textbooks he worked for seven winters and two summers in the northern pine woods and gained a thorough knowledge of the methods of scientific lumbering. He returned to Fond du Lac county when he was thirty-five years of age and rented his father's farm, which he is now operating and improving. He remodeled the house and made it thoroughly modern and convenient in every detail. He built new barns and outbuildings and is largely responsible for the farm's present high state of cultivation. His property was injured by fire six years ago, but with thorough progressive spirit Mr. Bothe turned this misfortune into an opportunity for advancement. He replaced his buildings by newer and more modern structures and when the work of rebuilding was completed

had one of the finest and most efficiently equipped properties in Fond du Lac county.

In 1905 Mr. Bothe was united in marriage to Miss Annie Daley, a daughter of John Daley, of Empire. To Mr. and Mrs. Bothe has been born one child, Francis, whose birth occurred June 17, 1908. Mr. Bothe is a devout believer in the Roman Catholic doctrines and attends St. Mary's church in Eden. He gives his allegiance to the democratic party but has always refused office for himself, preferring to concentrate his attention upon agricultural affairs and do his duty as a citizen by promoting his interests as a private individual.

AUGUST KRAUS.

August Kraus, a representative agriculturist of Taycheedah township, is the owner of one hundred and sixty-eight acres of valuable and productive land. His birth occurred at Taycheedah in the year 1863, his parents being Henry and Mary Kraus, both natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States about 1853 and resided in the east for about three years, on the expiration of which period he came direct to Taycheedah, Wisconsin.

August Kraus attended the district schools in his youthful years, gaining an education that qualified him for the practical and responsible duties of later life. Reared to manhood on the home farm and assisting in its operation, he early gained practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for crops. The tract of one hundred and sixty-eight acres in Taycheedah township which he now owns and cultivates is part of the old homestead. Twenty-two acres of this land is planted to barley, twenty-two acres to oats and fifteen acres to corn, while the remainder is in hay and pasture. He devotes considerable attention to dairy farming and has won well deserved success in all of his undertakings. He erected all of the buildings and made all of the other improvements on his farm, which in its neat and attractive appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Kraus chose Miss Maggie Sabel, a daughter of Peter Sabel. By this union there are three children, as follows: Peter, a youth of seventeen years; Edward, who is twelve years of age; and Hubert, ten years old.

August Kraus is a democrat in politics and held the office of township treasurer for two years or in 1910 and 1911. Both he and his wife are devout communicants of St. Peter's German Catholic church. Many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time—a fact which indicates that his life has been well spent and that his strongest qualities are those which win him respect and confidence.

HERMAN FRATZKE.

For almost twenty years Herman Fratzke has carried on general farming and stock-raising in Metomen township, operating a tract of land of one hundred and seventy-six acres, which constituted his father's homestead, for many years. He has now temporarily abandoned agriculture and has moved to the village of Fairwater but intends to resume his farm life in a short time. He is a native son of Wisconsin, having been born in Westfield, Marquette county, December 7, 1868, a son of Julius and Louisa (Koperlein) Fratzke, natives of Germany, the former of whom was born on the 28th of April, 1837, and the latter on August 8, 1842. The father came to the United States with his parents when

he was eighteen years of age, settling first in Milwaukee and later in Westfield, where the family remained for five years. At the end of that time the grandfather of our subject with four of his sons moved to Minnesota, where each took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land. Julius Fratzke remained in Marquette county until 1880, when he settled on a farm in Metomen township, which his son is now operating. He purchased one hundred and seventy-six acres on section 20 and thereon resided until his death, on November 10, 1892. He had survived his wife since May 25th of the same year.

Herman Fratzke attended the district schools of Westfield and when not occupied with his books assisted his father in the work of the farm, thus gaining at an early age personal experience in agricultural methods and principles. After the death of his parents he bought out the other heirs and took entire charge of the home place, carrying on general farming until the fall of 1911, when he rented the property and moved to the village of Fairwater. He has planned, however, to resume his agricultural pursuits in October. He specialized in the breeding and raising of high-grade stock and operated a model and sanitary dairy, keeping a herd of graded Shorthorn cows for this purpose. He also raised blooded Shropshire sheep and this department of his enterprise was an important source of income to him. He owns one of the finest and most productive tracts of land in Metomen township and his farm is highly cultivated and equipped with all modern conveniences and accessories, including the latest machinery to facilitate the work in all departments of his agricultural pursuits.

On March 6, 1893, Mr. Fratzke was united in marriage to Miss Eva Ebling, a daughter of Christian and Sophie Ebling, natives of Germany. Their marriage occurred in that country and they came to the United States in 1878, settling immediately near Richfield, in Washington county, where the father followed general farming. They remained upon their property for a number of years but finally moved to Fairwater, where they made their home with their children. The father died at the home of our subject in 1904 and the mother afterward moved to Mayville, where her death occurred in 1909. Both are buried in the Fairwater cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Fratzke became the parents of three children: Euliza, who was born February 20, 1897, and who is attending the Fairwater public schools; Eva, who was born on the 11th of February, 1900, and who is also pursuing her studies; and a child who died in infancy.

In his political affiliations Mr. Fratzke is a consistent republican but never seeks public office. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran church. His practical methods, his personal efficiency and his progressive tendencies have all united in making him a successful farmer and his prosperity has a solid foundation in his industry and ability. His life has been in all its phases upright, straightforward and honorable and by intelligent and scientific cultivation of his excellent farm he has gained a comfortable fortune for himself and added to the resources of his section a model agricultural enterprise, the operation of which in all its departments is thoroughly modern, adequate and practical.

JOHN VICTOR LICHTENSTEIGER.

John Victor Lichtensteiger has for more than forty years been identified with the agricultural development of Osceola township, where he owns a hundred acres of land, which tract is numbered among the valuable properties of the community. He was born in Switzerland on the 24th of June, 1842, and is the younger of two sons of John and Susan Lichtensteiger. The parents were also natives of Switzerland, the father's birth having occurred in 1800 and that of the mother in 1804. They emigrated to the United States with their two sons, Edward and John, in 1847, landing in New York city, after spending twenty-



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seven days at sea. Their destination was Wisconsin, and they continued their journey westward to Fond du Lac county. Here the father purchased eighty acres of land in the town of Ashford, adjacent to the Washington county line, and the family began pioneering on what was then the western frontier. Their first residence was a log cabin, which was as crude within as without, while its furnishings, largely home made were bare necessities. The barns and sheds for the stock were also built of logs and as well as the house did service for many years. Mr. Lichtensteiger together with such assistance as could be rendered by his two young sons, began clearing his land and placing it under cultivation. This was a tremendous undertaking to be accomplished with the few implements he possessed and it consumed much time, but the soil was fertile and yielded crops that compensated for his hard labor. As his circumstances improved he replaced the buildings he had first erected with more comfortable and modern structures, added another forty acres to his holdings, and increased his equipment. Here the mother passed away in 1859, at the age of fifty-five years, and in 1865, the father returned to Switzerland to visit his old friends and the scenes of his early life. He prolonged his visit from year to year, and there he passed away in 1875.

John Victor Lichtensteiger was a lad of only five years when he accompanied his parents on their journey to America. He and his brother attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education during the winter months, and in summer they assisted about the farm, their duties increasing from year to year. By the time he had attained young manhood, Mr. Lichtensteiger was thoroughly familiar with the practical methods of tilling the fields and caring for the crops. At the age of nineteen years he learned the carpenter's trade, but he subsequently resumed his agricultural pursuits and after the father returned to Switzerland purchased the old homestead. He sold it in 1868, investing the proceeds in forty acres of land in Osceola township, which formed the nucleus of his present farm. Later he increased his holdings by the purchase of an adjoining tract of sixty acres, all of which, during the period of his ownership, he has converted from wild land into rich, fertile fields. He has erected a comfortable residence, substantial barns and sheds and placed upon his farm various modern conveniences.

In 1863, Mr. Lichtensteiger responded to his country's call for troops by enlisting as a mechanic in one of the Wisconsin companies. He was ordered to Nashville, where he remained for six months. His period of enlistment having expired he returned home and he assisted his father about the farm that summer, and in the fall reenlisted and returned to Arkansas. Seven months later he was honorably discharged and returning to Wisconsin resumed his agricultural pursuits. He has ever since made his home on his farm, but of recent years, owing to his health, he has spent much of his time in California.

In 1867, Mr. Lichtensteiger was married to Miss Elizabeth Mathieu, a daughter of Christopher and Victorine Mathieu, well known pioneers of Fond du Lac county. Practically her entire life has been passed in this locality, where she was born in Ashford in 1848. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Lichtensteiger numbered seven of whom Victorine, the fourth in order of birth, passed away at the age of two years. John, who was born on the 12th of August, 1868, married Lena Schaeffer, and resides at Campbellsport. Emma, whose birth occurred on the 22d of April, 1870, became the wife of Martin Knickel of Eden. Frank, who was born in 1872, is married and living in Iowa. Hermann is the fifth in order of birth. Henry married Mary Schaeffer. Charles, who is the youngest member of the family, married Agnes MacEro and they reside in Eden.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church. The political views of Mr. Lichtensteiger coincide with the principles of the republican party, for whose candidates he casts his ballot at national and state elections, but locally he votes for the man he deems best qualified for the office. He was township supervisor for four terms and treasurer for two, while for two years he dis-

charged the duties of school clerk. Mr. Lichtensteiger has always shown himself to be interested in all matters affecting the welfare of the community by supporting the various progressive movements introduced from time to time, the adoption of which he considered generally beneficial.

JUDGE NORMAN S. GILSON.

The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments but rather to leave the perpetual record, establishing his position by the consensus of public opinion. A prominent citizen of Fond du Lac, one of long acquaintance with its history and its people, has said, "Every word of commendation and of praise that can be spoken of Judge Gilson will be well merited; his fellow townsmen honor him as few men are honored, and all have implicit trust and confidence in him." Eighteen years' service on the bench has inscribed his name deeply on the judicial history of the state. He is making an equally creditable record as one of the tax commissioners, and since his admission to the bar he has ranked with the leading lawyers of central Wisconsin. Aside from all public connections there are in him sterling traits of character and of manhood which win recognition and admiration from one's fellowmen, and without invidious distinction Judge Gilson may be classed with the foremost citizens of his part of the state. He was born in Middlefield, Ohio, March 23, 1839, and is a representative of one of the old New England families, tracing his ancestry to Joseph Gilson, who, about the year 1660, arrived in the new world from England. Among his descendants are those who participated in the French and Indian war, the Revolutionary war and the War of 1812. Daniel Gilson, the grandfather of the judge, was a soldier of the Revolution, and after the attainment of American independence established his home in Ohio, both he and his wife passing away at Middlefield, that state. They had a large family which included Willard H. Gilson who was born in Vermont and was a little lad of six years at the time of the removal to the Buckeye state. The family home was established at Middlefield in 1817, and there the boy was reared to manhood, having such experiences and enjoying such advantages as the pioneer conditions of the district afforded. He became a farmer, devoting many years of his life to tilling the soil. About 1865 he removed to Garrettsville and there his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in 1889 when he was seventy-eight years of age. For a number of years he had survived his wife who passed away in 1880 at the age of sixty-three. She bore the maiden name of Sylvia L. Frisby, and was also a native of the Green Mountain state. Her parents were Luther and Lovina (Garry) Frisby who were also natives of Vermont and became early settlers of Mesopotamia, Ohio, where her father followed farming. At a later day they again moved westward, settling this time at Newburg, Washington county, Wisconsin, where Mr. Frisby died when well advanced in years. His widow subsequently removed to Milwaukee where her death occurred when she had reached the very advanced age of ninety-four years. They had several children including Sylvia L., who became the wife of Willard H. Gilson, and unto this marriage there were born seven children: Norman S.; Lucius F., now deceased; Flavilla M., the wife of Porter S. Tinan of Garrettsville, Ohio; Franklin L., deceased; Lovina F., the deceased wife of R. S. Webb; Josephine, the wife of R. S. Webb of Ravenna, Ohio; and Anna S., the wife of W. A. Warman of the same place.

Norman S. Gilson while spending his youthful days in Middlefield, Ohio, mastered the elementary branches of learning taught in the public schools there. He also became a student in Farmington Seminary, and after putting aside his

text-books engaged in teaching for one term. His early training for life was such as a farm gives. He became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, but a professional career made an appeal to him and he determined to devote his life to other pursuits than agriculture. In 1860 he came to Wisconsin, settling in West Bend, and while teaching school there for two terms he devoted his leisure hours to the study of law in the office and under the direction of his uncle, Leander F. Frisby. For a brief period too he served as assistant postmaster of the town, but all business and personal considerations were put aside after the outbreak of the Civil war that he might espouse the cause of his country. He enlisted on the 17th of September, 1861, as a private of Company D, Twelfth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for two years. The regiment, which was commanded by Colonel George E. Bryant, left Wisconsin on January 11, 1862, and the following month was assigned to duty with Doubleday's brigade of the Department of Kansas. Two months were spent in active duty in Kansas and Missouri, and in April, 1862 the Twelfth Wisconsin was selected as one of the regiments to take part in the New Mexico expedition. The plan to proceed to that territory however was abandoned and the Twelfth Wisconsin was then stationed at Fort Riley and other points in Kansas until it was transferred to the Army of the Tennessee and assigned to duty in the district of Mississippi under General Isaac F. Quimby. Mr. Gilson was on detached service with the staff of General Robert B. Mitchell from June, 1862, until after the battle of Perryville when he returned to his regiment which later in the year was assigned to Ord's division in the district of west Tennessee. With the brigade under Colonel Bryant it took part in the expedition to Coldwater, Mississippi, in April, 1863, and participated in skirmishes in Hernando at Perry's Ferry and other points. In May, 1863, Mr. Gilson was promoted to the rank of sergeant major of his regiment. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg with the third brigade of the fourth division, Sixteenth Army Corps, Colonel Bryant being in command of the brigade at the beginning of the siege. Following the capitulation of Vicksburg he took part in the siege and capture of Jackson, Mississippi, and his splendid military record won him promotion in August, 1863, to the rank of first lieutenant of Company H, Fifty-eighth United States Colored Infantry, which was formerly the Sixth Mississippi regiment. He was soon promoted to adjutant and eventually became lieutenant colonel of his regiment.

As a member of the staff of General Davidson he was assigned to duty as judge advocate of the Natchez district, and in 1865-6 was judge advocate for the Department of Mississippi, serving on the staffs of Major General Osterhaus and Major General Thomas J. Wood. Although his regiment was mustered out in 1865 he was retained as judge advocate for more than a year by direction of the secretary of war on account of the trial by court-martial of Captain Frederick Speed, who was charged with criminal carelessness in overloading the steamer Sultana with paroled prisoners whereby eleven hundred of them lost their lives when the vessel sank near Memphis, April 27, 1865. Colonel Gilson represented the government on that occasion, which was the most famous military trial held on the Mississippi during the war. On the 12th of June, 1866, he was mustered out and was honorably discharged at Vicksburg. President Johnson brevetted him colonel of the United States volunteers "for efficient and meritorious service," and with the close of his military duty he returned to Wisconsin to resume his interrupted preparation for the bar.

In 1866-7 Judge Gilson was a student in the law school at Albany, New York, and following his graduation in the latter year was admitted to the bar. In 1868 he came to Fond du Lac where he opened a law office. No dreary novitiate awaited him. He soon won recognition as an able and learned lawyer who was faithful and conscientious in the preparation of his cases and gained a high standing as an attorney. His clientage constantly grew in volume and importance and he came to be regarded as the peer of the ablest members practicing in the courts of this district. He was first called to office when in 1874 he was elected city

attorney, and he filled the office of district attorney for the years 1877-8. In March, 1880, the democratic party named him its nominee for the position of judge of the fourth judicial circuit, and he was elected by a majority of more than eight thousand. No higher testimonial of his splendid judicial record can be given than the fact that in 1886 he had no opposition for the office, nor again in 1892. In 1898 he declined to become a candidate for another term and retired from the bench after eighteen years' service as circuit judge. From the outset of his professional career his record has reflected credit upon the history of the Wisconsin bar. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases, brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. His arguments have elicited warm commendation not only from his associates at the bar but also from the bench. He was recognized as an able writer and his briefs showed wide research, careful thought and the best and strongest reasons that could be urged for his contention. Judge Gilson has great respect for the dignity of judicial place and power, and no man ever presided in a court with more respect for his environments. As a result of that personal characteristic the proceedings were always orderly upon the part of everyone—audience, bar and the officers from the highest to the lowest. His opinions are fine specimens of judicial thought, always clear, logical and as brief as the character of the case will permit. He never enlarged beyond the necessity of legal thought in order to indulge in the drapery of literature. His mind during the entire period of his course at the bar and on the bench has been directed in the line of his profession and his duty.

In 1899 Judge Gilson was appointed a member of the Wisconsin tax commission, and so served in the latter part of that year until the 1st of May, 1911, when he resigned. He was chairman of the commission from December 1899 to the time of his resignation. His judicial training and experience proved of much benefit in settling many vexed questions before that commission, and again he made an unassailable official record.

On the 17th of October, 1905, Judge Gilson was married to Miss Laura B. Conklin, a daughter of Lanty Conklin and Maryette (Bristol) Conklin. Mrs. Gilson was born in Canada near Niagara Falls, and her parents were natives of New York. She is a member of the Congregational church and Judge Gilson's membership relations extend to Fidelity Lodge, No. 19, K. P. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Loyal Legion and the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, and thus maintains his deep interest in and pleasant relations with his old army comrades. In every relation of life he has measured up to the highest standards of manhood and of citizenship. A broad and liberal-minded man, his entire life has been devoted to the best interests of his fellow townsmen, individually and collectively. His activities have indeed been a serviceable element in the world's work, and while he has never courted publicity, the simple weight of his character and ability have carried him into important relations.

T. W. CHAPLEAU.

T. W. Chapleau is the proprietor of the Chapleau Oyster House at the corner of Main and Third streets in Fond du Lac and for a number of years has figured as one of the representative and enterprising business men of this, his native city. He was born July 16, 1870, his parents being Thomas W. and Jennie (LaPointe) Chapleau. The father was born in St. Therese, Conte de Terbonne, Canada, in 1842, and was a cousin of the eminent jurist, J. A. Chapleau, who was at one time a member of parliament and died several years ago. Thomas W. Chapleau was reared in Canada and was there educated. In 1865,

leaving his native land, he came direct to Fond du Lac and worked for eleven years in Meyer's mill. He then went to California but after remaining for a year on the Pacific slope returned to Fond du Lac and opened the Chapleau Oyster House, which he conducted until it was taken over by his son, T. W. Chapleau, of this review, about eighteen years ago. The father has been a very successful business man and is the owner of extensive real-estate interests in Fond du Lac, having made wise and judicious investment in property that brings to him a good return. He was married April 9, 1867, in this city, to Jennie LaPointe, who was born April 25, 1839, and is of French extraction as was her husband. Her parents were George and Julia B. (Odette) LaPointe. The former, born in 1815, died in 1898, and the latter, born in 1819, passed away in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Chapleau are the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this review is the second. Virginia Mary, the eldest, born January 2, 1869, was married April 23, 1893, to John Bradley, of Port Huron, Michigan, and they are now living at Tacoma, Washington, and have three sons: George T., who was born July 22, 1901; Richard R., born July 23, 1903; and James, born July 30, 1905. Julia Amelia, born April 10, 1875, was married September 6, 1898, to William H. Miller, of Fond du Lac, and they have four children: Robert T., who was born October 20, 1900; Ellen V., born July 10, 1902; Stella D., born February 8, 1904; and Margaret, born November 4, 1905. George W. W., born May 3, 1880, and now a city mail carrier of Fond du Lac, was married November 4, 1908, to Miss Bessie Case, of Fond du Lac and they reside on Seventh street.

T. W. Chapleau, whose name introduces this record, and who is commonly called "Fred" by his legion of friends throughout the city, pursued a course of study until he had passed through consecutive grades and had become a high-school student in Fond du Lac. After putting aside his text-books he took up the work of railroad telegrapher and was the first operator at the new Northwestern depot at Milwaukee, and also the first at the Lower Geyser Basin Hotel, now the Fountain Hotel, in the Yellowstone National Park. He followed telegraphy from 1887 until 1894, when he returned to this city and identified himself with the Chapleau Oyster House, of which he is now the popular proprietor. He has made this a favorite resort with the public, maintaining high standards of excellence in the service rendered to the public and his prosperity is well merited. His property holdings include a fine home at No. 154 West Second street.

On the 8th of June, 1898, Mr. Chapleau was married to Miss Mary Kelroy, of Byron, Wisconsin, who was born in Ashford, this state, July 14, 1874, and is a daughter of Michael and Margaret (Clarke) Kelroy. Her father was born in Ireland and when a boy of ten years came to the United States. He located at Ashford, Wisconsin, residing there until about 1876, when he removed to Byron and took up his abode upon the farm where he is still living at the age of seventy-six years. On the 14th of January, 1862, he was married to Miss Marguerite Clarke, at Wayne, Washington county, Wisconsin. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, April 9, 1844, and is a daughter of John Clarke, a native of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Kelroy celebrated their golden wedding in January, 1912. They have ten children, namely: Mathias, born February 28, 1864; John P., born March 2, 1868; Michael Charles, born April 2, 1870; James Henry, born April 2, 1872; Mary Agnes, now Mrs. Chapleau; Francis Joseph, born September 11, 1876; Nellie Margaret, born November 18, 1878, who is the wife of William H. Mead, of Byron, Wisconsin; Sarah Agatha, born August 24, 1881, the wife of Dr. R. G. Raymond, of Brownsville, Wisconsin; William, born January 24, 1884; and Edmond Charles, born October 11, 1886. To Mr. and Mrs. Chapleau have been born four children, as follows: Margaret V., born January 6, 1900; Wilfred T., born August 27, 1901; Edward F., born August 12, 1903; and Eleanor M., born March 22, 1906. All are yet at home.

In politics Mr. Chapleau has ever been a stalwart democrat, recognized as one of the local leaders of the party. In 1911 he was elected alderman from the fourth ward, in which capacity he is still serving with marked efficiency. He and his wife are faithful members of the Roman Catholic church and he belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters, of which he has served as secretary. He is also connected with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, in which he has filled all of the local chairs and has been state secretary for five years, state treasurer for two years and state trustee two years. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Order of Buffaloes and the Business Men's Association. His social qualities render him popular wherever known and he has a wide acquaintance. His business ability is evidenced in the success which attends his efforts. He possesses determination, enterprise and progressiveness that enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. His views of life are broad and he ranks with the wide-awake and alert business men and citizens whose efforts are forceful factors not only in the attainment of individual prosperity but in the advancement of the welfare of the community in which they reside.

CHARLES WILLIAM HIRTH.

Charles William Hirth, the proprietor of the Hirth Hardware Company, resides at No. 393 South Main street, while his place of business is at No. 142 South Main street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. His birth occurred at Horicon, Wisconsin, on the 16th of November, 1871, his parents being William and Johanna (Mueller) Hirth, natives of Germany. His paternal grandparents made their home in Mayville, Wisconsin, where they passed away many years ago, Fred Hirth dying at the age of sixty-two and his wife preceding him at an earlier period in life. They had a large family of children, including Frederick, Albert, Ernest, William and Bertha. Matthews and Friedericka (Redle) Mueller, the maternal grandparents of our subject, were residents of the town of Herman in Dodge county, Wisconsin, where they passed away at an advanced age. Their children were six in number, namely: Christina, Friedericka, Johanna, Mary, Carolina and John.

William Hirth, the father of Charles W. Hirth, was six years of age when brought to America by his parents, who settled on a farm near Mayville, Wisconsin, where he grew to manhood and where he received his education in the district schools. He left the farm and was engaged in the occupation of a carpenter for a number of years, after which he moved to Marshfield, Wisconsin, in 1881 and there died in June, 1904, at the age of sixty. He is survived by his wife, who still lives at the old home in Marshfield. At one time he served in the capacity of municipal judge of Marshfield, holding that office for a period of fifteen years. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. They had two children: Charles William; and Emma, who is the widow of Julius Wendt and resides in Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Charles William Hirth was reared at Huilsburg, Wisconsin, and at ten years of age moved with his parents to Marshfield, where he lived until his majority. He was educated in the public schools at Marshfield, graduating from the high school with the class of 1887. He began his business career as a clerk in a store at Marshfield, Wisconsin, after which he was employed in the railway mail service of the United States, in which he spent a period of four years. Retiring from this branch of activity, he became a traveling salesman for a furniture house but after two years of service in this branch of the company's business

he retired and became manager of the furniture department in a store at Reedsburg, Wisconsin, where he remained until 1903. Severing his connection with this firm, he came to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, entering into partnership with Henry Rusch. They purchased the retail hardware business of the firm of Roble, Thompson & King, conducting the establishment under the firm name of Rusch & Hirth. In June, 1910, Mr. Rusch retired from the business, selling his interest therein to Mr. Hirth, who has since conducted the enterprise as the Hirth Hardware Company.

On the 29th of December, 1896, Mr. Hirth was married to Miss Minnie Linetta Mitchell, a native of Omro, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Newton and Cornelia (Olin) Mitchell, who were born in New York and took up their abode among the early settlers of Omro, this state. Mr. Mitchell still survives and is now living in Alberta, Canada, but has lost his wife, whose demise occurred on the 4th of February, 1912, when she had attained the age of sixty-seven years. Their children were as follows: Cornelia, Frank, Edward, William, Nellie, Minnie, Catharine and Matie. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hirth have been born five children, namely: Jeannette, Helen, Harold, William and Catharine.

In politics Mr. Hirth is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church of Fond du Lac. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Fidelity Lodge, No. 19. On coming to Fond du Lac, Mr. Hirth found himself to be a most welcome citizen and the conduct of his business has reflected constant credit upon him. He is one of the prosperous, substantial and reliable members of the community in which he lives.

RICHARD S. SALTER.

Richard S. Salter is one of the highly respected and successful agriculturists of Fond du Lac county, where he is engaged in the cultivation of his farm of two hundred and four acres. He was born in the town of Byron, April 28, 1872, and is a son of Michael and Eliza (Cole) Salter, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father was born in 1828 and at the age of thirty years emigrated in America, settling in Washington county, Wisconsin, on a farm and there continued to reside until the time of his death. The mother came to Wisconsin at the age of twenty, and later celebrated her marriage in Washington county, this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Salter ten children were born, six of whom are living. Thomas, an agriculturist, married Miss Anna Hansen, of the town of Byron, and they have six children, Arthur, Annie, Minnie, Frieda, Roy and Myrtle. Robert is proprietor of a hotel at Eden and married Miss May Botzen, by whom he had five children, Cora, Maude, Mabel, Lillie and Robert. Frank, an agriculturist of Germantown, Washington county, married Miss Mattie Connell, and they now have five children, Loverne, Ivan, Lee, Floyd and Claude. Richard S. is the fourth in order of birth. John, who is following the occupation of farming in the town of Byron, married Miss Gussie Flood, of Eden, and they have two sons and two daughters, Raymond, Gladys, Ralph and Eugene. Anna, the youngest, is at present making her home with her brother Richard.

Richard S. Salter was reared in his parents' home and received his education in the public schools of Wisconsin, and after passing through the lower grades he was for two years a pupil in the high school. After completing his studies he remained under the parental roof and was engaged in work on his father's farm until the death of the latter in 1900. In that year the old homestead was equally divided between himself and his brother John, giving to each a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. Richard Salter devoted the next five

years to the improvement and cultivation of his farm and at the expiration of that time disposed of the property, after which he purchased the Kramer farm, upon which he moved and was there engaged in general farming for seven consecutive years. He then sold that farm and bought one hundred and seventy acres in Empire township, which he traded for the farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres, of which he took possession in March, 1912. He gives his attention to diversified farming and dairying. In addition to his farming interests he is also a dealer in farm lands and has, during the past few years, bought and sold several farms in various portions of Wisconsin.

On the 14th of November, 1900, Mr. Salter was united in marriage to Miss Edna Baker, of Calumet county, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker. To Mr. and Mrs. Salter five children have been born, Fern, Cecil, Ruby, Glenn and Lyle.

Mr. Salter is a member of the independent wing of the democratic party and has served as district clerk of the school board for the past eight years. He has his fraternal relations with the Masonic lodge of Fond du Lac. He is also a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Salter is one of the respected and well known citizens of Fond du Lac county and a man who always gives his influence to the advancement of every public measure intended to improve the conditions of the people in the community in which he lives.

SEYMOUR HOWARD CHENEY.

Seymour Howard Cheney, conducting business at No. 26 East First street in Fond du Lac, is well known as a tinsmith and also as a dealer in stoves and furnaces. His birth occurred in the town of Fort Covington, Franklin county, New York, on the 27th of June, 1832, his parents being George A. and Susan (Richardson) Cheney, both natives of Vermont. His paternal grandparents were Samuel and Sarah (Allen) Cheney, the former of whom followed farming at Brandon, Vermont, for many years. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, six sons and two daughters, namely: Samuel, Uriah, John, George, Seth, Joseph Walter, Sarah Maria and Sarah Lavinia. David Richardson, the maternal grandfather of our subject, followed farming in Barry, Vermont. He was twice married, his first wife's maiden name being Rhoda Gale. He had children by each of his wives. These were as follows: Susan, who became the wife of George A. Cheney; Mrs. Polly Spooner; Mrs. Rhoda Nichols; Mary; Lyman; Lemuel; and David.

George A. Cheney, the father of Seymour H. Cheney, was born and reared in Brandon, Vermont, where he was educated and lived until his majority. In early manhood he moved to Fort Covington, Franklin county, New York, where he engaged in the business of wool carding and the manufacturing of woolen cloth. He was a man prosperous in business and the later years of his life were spent in retirement in his home at Fort Covington. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and his wife belonged to the Universalist church at the time of her marriage but later became a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Cheney passed away at Fort Covington, New York, when eighty-six years of age, while his wife was eighty years old when called to her final rest. Their children were eight in number, as follows: Seymour Howard, of this review; Susan Abbie, the wife of John Brown; Mary Jane, deceased; George Wainwright, who enlisted in the Civil war from New York; William Harrison, who was also a volunteer in the Civil war, enlisting from Vermont; Richardson; George Lyman; and Henry Harrison, who died in infancy.

Seymour H. Cheney was reared at Fort Covington, New York, where he was educated in the common schools. Between school terms he was engaged in

his father's business and at the age of eighteen he commenced his business career. Going to Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, he was employed as an apprentice in the business of a tinsmith and remained in this position until he had learned his trade. Having completed the necessary term of years required and having become familiar with the details of the business, he left Potsdam and for three years traveled through the eastern and southern portions of the United States and settled in Kansas in 1857, where he remained until 1862, at which date he removed to Chicago, where he continued to live until 1868. He then came to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he opened a tinshop and engaged in the business of repairing and the manufacturing of all articles belonging to this branch of activity.

In 1866 Mr. Cheney was married to Miss Mary Adelaide Grennell, a native of Dowagiac, Michigan, and a daughter of Waterhouse and Elizabeth (Williams) Grennell, of that place. Five children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Cheney, the first having died in infancy. The remaining four of the family are still living. Henry W., a practicing physician of Chicago, married Flora Sylvester of Fond du Lac county, by whom he has two children, Kathryn and Harold. Charles Allen, who wedded Miss Eunice Susan, is a dentist by profession and resides in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Bessie gave her hand in marriage to George Wright Watson, the postmaster of Fond du Lac. Seymour J., living at Madison, Wisconsin, is a mechanical engineer in the employ of the railroad commission. He married Miss Elsie Dillon and has one child, Seymour Jerome Cheney. Mrs. Mary A. Cheney, the mother of this family, is a member of the Baptist church of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

In politics Mr. Cheney is and has always been a republican. He has served as member of the board of supervisors of Fond du Lac county and has a continuous record of forty-three years of business life in the city in which he now resides. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Fountain Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M., of which he has been worshipful master several times. He is past grand senior warden of the grand lodge of the state of Wisconsin and has the unique distinction of having made annual visits to the grand lodge of the state for the past twenty years. He is one of the best known citizens of Fond du Lac county and during his long business career he has maintained the highest standard of integrity in all his dealings. For many years he has been a prosperous business man and enjoys in the declining years of his life the satisfaction of having been able to give to his family all of the necessary advantages to establish them in their business careers and provide for them such opportunities as are required to advance and maintain their social standing. He is a man of business and political influence in his county, honored and highly respected by all who know him. His residence is at No. 200 Military street, Fond du Lac.

ANTON BIRSCHBACH.

Anton Birschbach, a well known and esteemed resident of Taycheedah township, devotes his attention to general farming and is the owner of a productive tract of land comprising one hundred acres. He was born in Germany in the year 1842, his parents being Christian and Elizabeth (Burkhoff) Birschbach. He was brought to the United States when but four years of age and remained with a cousin in Ohio until 1847, when he was taken into the home of his parents in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. For a period of nineteen years he resided on section 24, Taycheedah township, and then took up his abode in the township of Forest. At the age of twenty-nine years he was married and took up his abode on the farm of one hundred acres, in Taycheedah township, on

which he has maintained his home to the present time. The land was cleared except a tract of about ten acres, from which he cut the timber. As the years have gone by he has brought the place into a high state of cultivation and improvement, neglecting to use none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. His time and energies are devoted to general farming, and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

In 1871, in Taycheedah, Mr. Birschbach was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Frohman, her parents being John and Lena Frohman, residents of Marshfield, Wisconsin. Our subject and his wife have nine children, Peter, John, Henry, John P., Nicholas, William, Mary, Katie and Anna. Anton Birschbach gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has served in the capacity of school treasurer for ten years—from 1873 to 1883. The period of his residence in this county covers almost two-thirds of a century and he well deserves recognition among its representative citizens and progressive agriculturists. He is a self-made man in the best sense of the term and in both business and social circles is held in high regard.

TIMBLIN BROTHERS.

Thomas and William Timblin have been associated in the breeding of registered and high-grade Shorthorn cattle in Fond du Lac county all during their active lives and are well known in this district. They have every reason to be proud of their success in this line of activity, and their prosperity is founded upon energetic and assiduous labor combined with a thorough knowledge of the details of the occupation in which they are prominent. They have always been associated in the conduct of their farm and much of their present degree of success is due to their harmonious relations. The family is of Irish ancestry and was founded in America by Michael Timblin, a native of County Mayo, who came to the United States in 1848 and located immediately in Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he worked upon the farms of the district as a monthly laborer. He was also a charcoal burner and was connected with this line of activity for some years. He married in Dodge county Miss Mary Webb, a native of County Cork, and after his three children, Sarah, Thomas and Margaret, were born, he immediately removed to Fond du Lac county where the family resided for about eight years. In 1866 Michael Timblin bought the farm, which his two sons, Thomas and William, are now operating, and carried on the work of improvement and development. He eventually built a comfortable and commodious house upon his holdings and here lived until his death in 1887 when he was sixty-seven years of age. His wife survived him until the 25th of May, 1910, dying on that date on the home farm in the eighty-fourth year of her age.

Thomas Timblin was the eldest son born to his parents, his birth occurring in Dodge county, October 27, 1857. He and his brother were active in the labors incident to agriculture from an early period and spent every summer learning the details of farming and the best methods of tilling and cultivating the soil. During the winters they worked in the northern pine woods of Wisconsin where Thomas spent five years and where William was active for two winters. When their father died they returned to the home farm and permanently located there. They formed a partnership in its operation and took entire charge of the management and direction of the enterprise. The two brothers labored in harmonious relations in the endeavor to make their farm one of the model properties of Fond du Lac county, and this ambition they have achieved. They added to their holdings at various times, buying their land judiciously and always with a view to its fertility and productiveness. They now own three hundred acres in Fond du Lac

county and have improved their land along progressive and scientific lines. In 1909 they remodeled the house which their father had built and erected a substantial and well equipped barn. They make the breeding of Shorthorn cattle a special branch of their industry and are known throughout Fond du Lac county for their success in this enterprise. Their herd includes thirty or more head of registered stock and they had at one time in their barns Prince of Pilsen, which had won second prize at the St. Louis Exposition. The present bull of their herd is Clariss Prince, a registered Shorthorn which is well known to cattle dealers throughout Fond du Lac county. Thomas and William Timblin bring to their stock-raising an intelligent and scientific knowledge of its details. They have been successful by reason of their energetic activities and are known in Osceola township as prominent and influential men.

On February 11, 1888, William Timblin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ryan, a daughter of Patrick Ryan of Eden. They are the parents of seven children, Margarete, Sarah, Loretta, Esther, Florence, Michael and George. Both brothers affiliate with the republican party, and William served for four years as township treasurer and made an able and efficient public officer. Both William and Thomas Timblin take an intelligent interest in public affairs but have never sought recognition for their services in any political way. They belong to the Catholic church of Osceola township, Wisconsin, and hold their membership under Father Heisler. The energy and labor they have bestowed upon their farm make it a well improved and valuable property while their stock-raising interests are every year growing to be more important. They have attained that success which always crowns united effort along worthy and useful lines, and their lives and activities have been valuable additions to the citizenship of Fond du Lac county and to the state of Wisconsin.

JACOB SCHNEIDER.

Jacob Schneider is identified with the general agricultural and dairying interests of Taycheedah township, where he owns a well improved farm of one hundred and forty-eight acres. His birth occurred in Calumet township, in 1860, his parents being Mathew and Lizzie (Schumacher) Schneider, natives of Germany. They emigrated to America about 1847, and subsequently located in Fond du Lac county, where they were later married and passed the remainder of their lives. The father passed away in 1872, and the mother in 1880.

Jacob Schneider, who was a youth of only twelve years when his father died, obtained his education in the public schools of Calumet. He has always followed farming, and has met with a fair measure of success in his undertakings. He has made all of the improvements, including the erection of the buildings, on his present farm, a portion of which he has also cleared. Formerly he owned a place two and a half miles from his present homestead, but he sold it about twelve years ago and has since given his undivided attention to the further improvement and cultivation of the farm on which he is now living. In connection with his general agricultural pursuits he engages in the raising of stock and also does some dairying. He leads a life of intelligently directed activity as is evidenced by the appearance of his property and the condition of his stock, and is meeting with well deserved prosperity.

In 1884, Mr. Schneider was united in marriage to Miss Katie Schmitz, a native of this county and a daughter of Servatius and Gertie (Lauby) Schmitz. The parents were born in Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in the early '40s, their marriage being celebrated in Fond du Lac county. Sixteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schneider in the following order: Gertrude, who is twenty-seven years of age, and is the wife of Joseph Wirtz, of Tay-

cheedah; Mary, who has passed her twenty-sixth birthday; Lizzie, who is twenty-four years of age; Otilie, who is twenty-three; Victor, who has recently attained his majority; Euwald, who is twenty; Joseph, who is nineteen years of age; Emanuel, who is eighteen; Bruno, who has passed the seventeenth anniversary of his birth; Clara, who is entering her sixteenth year; Clement, who is fourteen; Bertha, who is thirteen years of age; Martha, who has passed her eleventh birthday; Margaret, who is now ten years old; Lydia, who will soon be nine; and Aloysius, who is in his fifth year.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and his political allegiance Mr. Schneider gives to the democratic party. He has never figured prominently in local political activities, but he at one time served as road supervisor. He leads rather an unobtrusive life, but fulfills his duty from day to day as he sees it, meeting his responsibilities in such a manner as to win him the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

AMIL H. WARNKE.

Amil H. Warnke has an excellent farm in Fond du Lac township and has been cultivating the soil in that section since 1899. He owns one hundred and sixty-two acres upon which he has put the needed improvements and his progressive work has gained him substantial success. He was born in Wolf River township, Winnebago county, July 5, 1866, and is the son of William and Augusta L. (Schmidt) Warnke, both natives of Germany. The father was born on March 9, 1830, and farmed in his native country until 1854, when he came to Wisconsin, settling in Wolf River, where he purchased land. It was undeveloped and in a raw condition and he was obliged to clear the timber and make all the improvements. From the lumber which he cut down he built a log cabin, in which he lived for many years and in which his son was born. He died in 1903 and his death was widely regretted because it deprived the section in which he resided of a substantial and representative citizen. His wife was born June 4, 1833, and died in 1890. To their union were born five children: Julius, who is now farming in Fremont, Wisconsin, and who married Miss Minnie Bohren, of Wolf River, by whom he has one child, William; Bertha, who passed away at the age of two years; William, who died when he was nine years old; Amil H., the subject of this sketch; and Albert, who follows farming and who married Miss Amelia Dorow, by whom he has ten children.

Mr. Warnke of this review was educated in the district schools of Wolf River township and pursued his studies until he was eighteen years of age. From his early childhood to the age of twenty-six he worked for his father in the woods and on the rivers of his native district as a lumberman. When he started out independently he engaged in the creamery business, building a plant of his own in 1893, which he conducted successfully until 1900. In the meantime, however, he had purchased one hundred and sixty-two acres of fine farm land in Fond du Lac township and upon this in 1899 he moved and in the same year began its cultivation. He was successful and his progressive methods and honorable standards brought him rapid prosperity. In 1900 he sold his creamery in order to devote his entire attention to his agricultural pursuits and the abundant harvests which he gathers each year are evidence of his ability and concentrated labor.

On November 26, 1891, Mr. Warnke was married at Wolf River to Miss Ida Dorow, a daughter of Frank and Amelia (Hirsh) Dorow, natives of Germany, who came to Wisconsin and settled in Wolf River about 1856. The father followed farming and was successful as an agriculturist until his death in 1895, when he was fifty-one years of age. His wife passed away in 1871, when she was twenty-six years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Warnke have been born ten children:

Henry, Velda, Nora, Wesley, Milton, Alice, David, Helen, Mildred and one who died in infancy.

In his political belief Mr. Warnke is an independent republican and has served as treasurer of school district No. 3 for six years doing able and efficient work in this capacity. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. His energy, ambition and knowledge have been guided and controlled by his business ability, his keen discernment making the work done in the fields and dairy result in abundant harvests and good sales in the markets.

MRS. ANNA McCORMICK MEIKLEJOHN.

Mrs. Anna M. Meiklejohn is a resident of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, residing at No. 81 South Park avenue. She is the president of the Fond du Lac Shirt & Overall Company, whose factory is located at Nos. 53 and 55 Forest avenue, with offices at Nos. 22 and 24 East First street. Her birth occurred in the township of Empire, Fond du Lac county. Her paternal grandparents, William and Kathryn (Erwin) McCormick, were natives of Ireland and died in that country when well advanced in years. William McCormick was by occupation a farmer. Unto him and his wife were born two children, Thomas and Mary. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Anna M. Meiklejohn were George and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Pogue, who reared four children.

Thomas McCormick, the father of Mrs. Anna M. Meiklejohn was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and was married in the town of Empire, Fond du Lac county in 1850, to Miss Martha Pogue, a native of County Monaghan. They had emigrated to America in 1849, the year prior to their marriage, and located in the city of Fond du Lac, Mr. McCormick here conducting a bakery business for several years. Subsequently he closed out his interests in this connection and removed to a farm in the township of Empire, where for a time he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Later he became the sexton of Rienzi cemetery and remained in that occupation for a period of seventeen years, after which he moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he died January 18, 1901, aged eighty-six years. His wife also passed away at Fond du Lac, her death occurring in 1892, when she had attained the age of seventy-one years. They were the parents of six children, namely: Elizabeth; Robert; Thomas; John; James, deceased; and Anna, the widow of Andrew Gordon Meiklejohn.

Anna McCormick was reared on her father's farm in Empire township and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. On the 12th of April, 1882, she gave her hand in marriage to Andrew Gordon Meiklejohn, who was born on the 24th of September, 1852, his parents being George and Hannah Jane (Cummings) Meiklejohn, natives of New York. Andrew G. Meiklejohn passed away in 1885, at the age of thirty-three years, and is still survived by his widow and one daughter, Martha Hannah, who is now the wife of Albert Whittemore Kendall. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall reside in Rockford, Illinois, and have one child, Anna Louise.

The Fond du Lac Shirt & Overall Company, of which Mrs. Anna M. Meiklejohn is the president, was incorporated in 1896, the charter members comprising seven ladies and one gentleman. The officers of the company at the time of its incorporation were as follows: Mrs. Anna M. Meiklejohn, president; Miss Stella Brown, vice president; W. W. Collins, secretary and treasurer. This business was organized and started at the time of the closing of the Marshall Field shirt and overall business, which had its factory in Fond du Lac. The closing of the Marshall Field factory left many skilled employes out of work and to supply the felt want of employment the Fond du Lac Shirt & Overall Company was organized. This business was first located in the Haber Printing Company's building, where it remained a short time and afterward removed to Western avenue, at which

place a building was erected for its special use. From its commencement this company has had a prosperous career. After remaining in their building on Western avenue for a period of three years they purchased a building more suited to their convenience and service at their present location—53 and 55 Forest avenue. The company manufactures shirts and overalls and play suits for children and at present employs a force of one hundred people. The concern was originally incorporated for five thousand dollars and afterward found it necessary to increase its capital stock to fifty thousand dollars. The company was never more successful than at present and has long enjoyed the reputation of being one of the substantial manufacturing institutions of the city. Mrs. Meiklejohn has been the president of this concern during all its business career and its success is a high compliment to her executive ability as well as to her loyalty and devotion in the discharge of the duties devolving upon her as its chief officer.

LOUIS G. ZACHERL.

Louis G. Zacherl needs no introduction to the readers of this volume for he has spent his entire life in Fond du Lac. He was born and reared here, his natal day being October 27, 1862. For a long period he was connected with the business interests of the city as a furniture dealer and undertaker but he now concentrates his energies on the latter line alone.

The family name indicates his German lineage. His parents, George and Magdalena Zacherl, were both natives of Germany and there the father remained until fourteen years of age, when he left home and sailed for the new world. For several years he was a resident of New York city and there learned the trade of piano and organ builder, which he followed until he came to Wisconsin. He was one of the early settlers of Fond du Lac, where he established a furniture business and some years later added an undertaking department, conducting the same to the time of his death, which occurred in 1889, when he was sixty-three years of age. His wife survived him for a number of years, passing away in 1900, at the age of seventy-two years. Both were members of the Catholic church. In their family were eight children, three sons and five daughters, six of whom lived to maturity: Hattie, who is the wife of Joseph Ruse of Ishpeming, Michigan; Matilda, the wife of Martin Lohmiller of Fond du Lac; Minnie, the deceased wife of John Buechner, who has also passed away; Rose, the wife of Martin Ryder of San Francisco, California; Louis G.; Sophia, deceased; and two who died in early childhood.

Louis G. Zacherl has been a lifelong resident of Fond du Lac and his education was acquired in the parochial and public schools and in the business college here. He entered the employ of his father in the furniture and undertaking business and on the father's death became his successor. In 1895 he withdrew from the furniture trade and has since concentrated his energies upon the undertaking business, in which he is meeting with success.

On the 24th of May, 1886, Louis G. Zacherl was married to Miss Alice May Marguerite Fitzgerald, who was born in Berlin, Wisconsin, a daughter of Patrick and Alice (Flood) Fitzgerald, who were natives of Ireland, the former having been born in County Cork and the latter in Limerick. Her father was a son of Patrick and Julia (Gleason) Fitzgerald, both of whom died in Ireland, the latter when about eighty-five years of age. The mother was a daughter of Henry and Alice Flood. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fitzgerald, Jr., were early settlers in Berlin, Wisconsin, where the former died at the age of sixty-four years and the latter at the age of sixty-three. He was a maker of fine shoes. In their family were five children, three of whom grew to maturity, William, Walter and Alice. Both the father and mother of Mrs. Zacherl had been previously

married and by his former union Mr. Fitzgerald had a daughter who is still living—Mrs. Annie Allen, the wife of Willard Allen of Sheridan, Wyoming. By her former marriage Mrs. Fitzgerald had a son, Jerry McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Zacherl are the parents of two sons: George H., who is in business with his father and who married Elizabeth Kobs, and Archibald L., who is assisting his father. Mr. and Mrs. Zacherl hold membership in the Catholic church and the former belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Modern Woodmen, the Equitable Fraternal Union, the National Union, the Eagles and the Moose, and of the last named he is treasurer of the lodge at Fond du Lac. He also holds membership in the St. Michaels' Society of St. Mary's Catholic church and is identified with the Maennerchor. He is prominent and popular among the German-American citizens and has an equal number of friends among other nationalities and those of American birth. His entire life having been spent in Fond du Lac, his fellow townsmen are well acquainted with his history and know him to be an upright and honorable business man and a progressive citizen.

CHARLES M. HUBBARD.

Charles M. Hubbard is the son of a pioneer in Wisconsin and is himself numbered among the early settlers in the state. He has led an active, eventful and useful life, chiefly in the middle west, and has always been identified with progressive farming. He has gained success as a reward for his well directed and intelligent labor and is now living retired after an honorable and worthy career. He was born in Geneseo county, New York, in 1842 and is the son of Ruggles and Mary E. (Bezona) Hubbard. The family has been in America since colonial times, his great-grandfather having been a surgeon in the Revolutionary war and his grandfather, Hugh Hubbard, a private soldier in the War of 1812. The father was born in New York, August 6, 1815, and came to Wisconsin in pioneer times, settling in Oakfield township in 1844. Here he took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land which he improved and developed with continuous success until his death, which occurred on February 26, 1891. His wife was born in New York on December 29, 1819, and died in Wisconsin on the 19th of January, 1890. They were the parents of twelve children, Mary J., Charles M., Seth G., Albert A., Ella S., Sarah A., Emma G., Carrie A., Myra E., Myron E., Lela S. and Fred.

Charles Hubbard was only two years of age when he came with his parents to Wisconsin. He was educated in the district schools of Oakfield township, pursuing his studies in winters and working upon his father's farm during the summer months. He supplemented his primary education by a course in the Fond du Lac high school and was still a pupil of that institution when the Civil war broke out. He was drafted about the year 1863 and immediately reported for enlistment but owing to the fact that in his youth he had lost his right eye he was refused enrollment. He later joined a company which was drilling for service in the vicinity of his home, hoping to be accepted as time went on, but his disability always prevented his enlistment. He finally came back to his father's farm and for two years aided in the operation of the enterprise. At the end of that time he purchased six yoke of oxen and engaged in breaking new ground, but after a year of this activity abandoned it in favor of general farming. He rented one hundred and sixty acres and operated a threshing machine for twelve years. At the end of that time he went to Iowa but was unfortunate enough to begin his farming under very unfavorable conditions. He lost all he possessed and was obliged to sell pork on the hoof for one dollar and seventy-five cents per hundred. Oats and barley sold for less than the cost of pro-

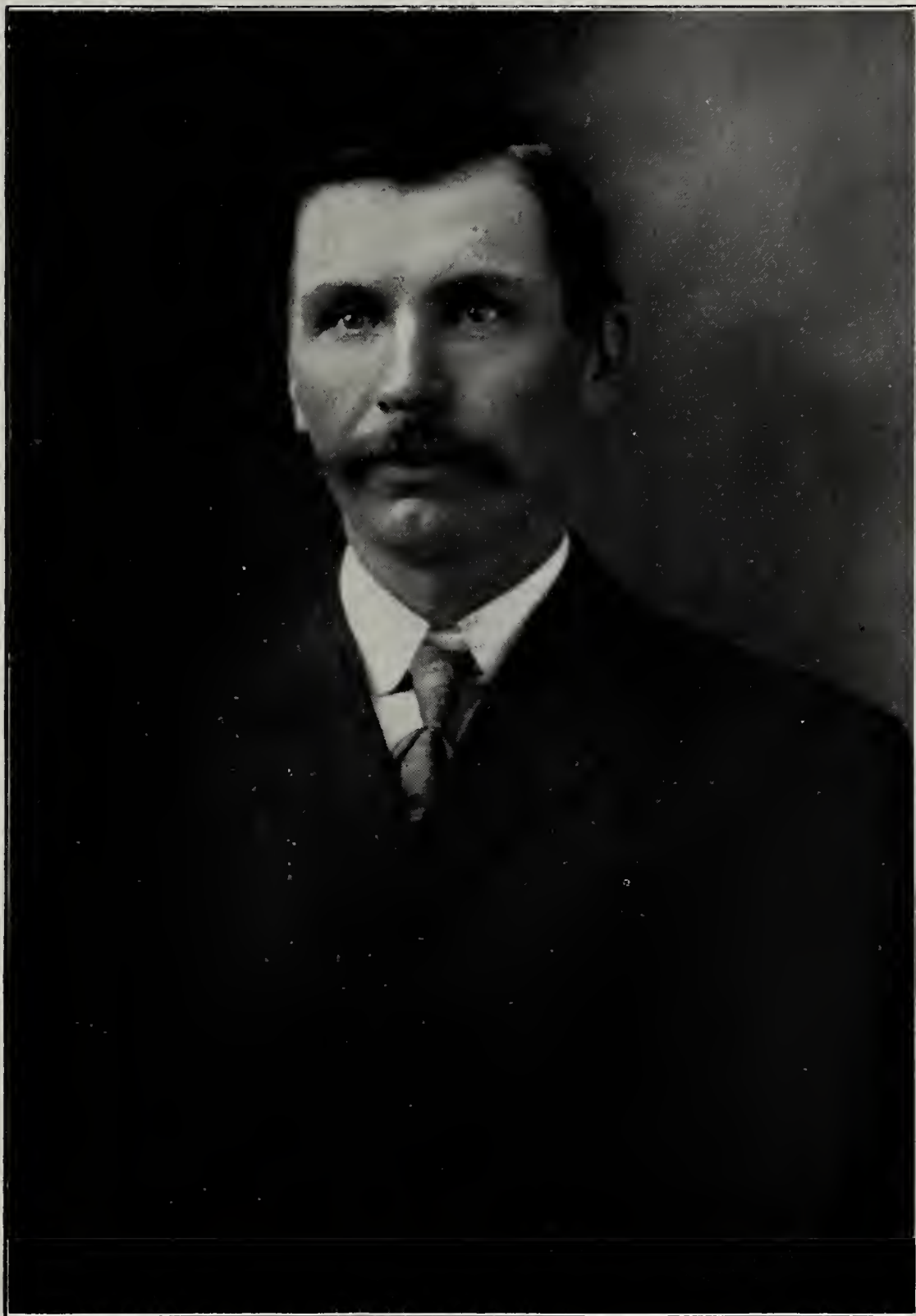
duction, owing to the hard times of the year 1870. Mr. Hubbard eventually abandoned the struggle and went to Nebraska, where he took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres and a timber claim of the same size. He brought his homestead claim to a high state of development in eleven years, trading it at the end of that time for one hundred and sixty acres of farm land in Oakfield township, Wisconsin. He returned home in 1890 and has since been active and successful as a general farmer and stock breeder. He now owns one hundred and twenty-five acres, which are improved and cultivated along the most scientific and progressive lines and specializes in the raising of high-grade Guernsey cattle, of which he has a herd of twenty-five head and operates upon his property a model and sanitary dairy, selling its products in the local markets. He keeps thirty hogs, also of good breed. His acres are planted principally in hay, barley, corn and oats and the prices which they command provide an ample income. Since 1908 he has practically retired from active work but is still residing upon his farm.

On November 13, 1867, Mr. Hubbard was united in marriage in Byron to Miss Emma S. Vaughan, a daughter of Daniel C. and Martha (Hart) Vaughan. The parents were natives of England and came to Wisconsin at an early date. They died when Mrs. Hubbard was still a child and she made her home with relatives by the same name in Wisconsin until her marriage. Daniel C. and Martha Vaughan had eight children, Elitha, Martha, Irad, Roxy, Wesley, Sarah, George and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are the parents of two children. Minnie S., the elder, is the wife of Samuel A. Rafferty, who follows farming and horse-raising in Oakfield. Roy W. married Mabel King, of Oakfield, by whom he has one child, Neita.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hubbard is a progressive republican and intelligently and actively interested in public affairs. While he was a resident of Nebraska he served as justice of the peace for three years and during this time performed seven marriage ceremonies. He was a candidate for the state legislature but was defeated. He served as a delegate to the State Alliance Association convention in Nebraska and was assessor in the town of Center, Iowa, for one term. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the National Fraternal League. He is a devout adherent and a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he has been connected since 1865. In 1872 he was made class leader and superintendent of Sunday school and has held this position for twenty-five years. He is now a teacher of the Bible class in Oakfield and vice president of the Fond du Lac County Sunday School Association. For four years during his residence in Iowa he was president of the Sunday School Association of Fayette county, that state, and for eight years held a similar position in Nebraska. He was president of the District Sunday School Association for ten years and in all of these positions did able, constructive and valuable work, spreading high doctrines of Christianity and always practicing the faith which he professed. His religion is a vital and important force in his life and makes him a high-minded, honorable and worthy man.

AUGUST F. KROHN.

One of the progressive and substantial agriculturists of Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, is August F. Krohn, who, in his cultivation of two hundred and forty-five acres of land on section 33, Springvale township, is exemplifying the most modern farming principles, and is operating his enterprise along the most scientific lines. He is one of the best known stockmen in the district, and his stables contain some of the finest blooded horses in Wisconsin. He was born in Germany, September 1, 1868, and is a son of William and Wilhelmina (Bor-



AUGUST F. KROHN

chardt) Krohn, both natives of the fatherland. The father was a farmer by occupation and came to America in 1869 with his family. He located in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, where he worked by the month as a laborer for some time. In 1871 he removed to Kewaunee county where he purchased eighty acres of land which he immediately began to improve and develop. He later added eighty acres to his property, and here he is today making his home with his son Herman. He is well known in agricultural circles, and his life has been an influence upon the progress of farming methods in his section. His wife passed away upon the old homestead in Kewaunee county in 1902. To their union were born seven children: August F., our subject; Herman, who is farming with his father on the old homestead in Kewaunee county; Charles, who is engaged in cheese-making in the same section; John, an agriculturist; Henry, who is engaged in farming in Springvale township; Anna, the wife of William Miller, a farmer of Kewaunee county; and Bertha, who married Albert Miller, a brother of William Miller, and also a farmer of Kewaunee county. The children who are living in Kewaunee county all have homes near their father's farm.

August F. Krohn was reared at home and attended the district schools in his native section. His early life was identified with the various details connected with the occupation of farming. When he was sixteen years of age he started in life for himself, working upon neighboring farms for wages. He followed this line of activity for seven years and at the end of that time located on the farm where he now resides. His land comprises two hundred and forty-five acres located on section 33, Springvale township, and this he owns in conjunction with his wife. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, and is extensively engaged in the dairy business. He raises and breeds for the Wisconsin markets high-grade Percheron horses, having six blooded mares, one a pure-blooded registered horse and five which are of high-grade stock. His stallion, Manzanita, is registered in the American stud book. Mr. Krohn carries on farming along the most modern and progressive lines while his dairy business is conducted along efficient, systematic and sanitary lines, and forms a valuable source of income to him. He is interested in the growth and development of the section in which he lives and is indirectly responsible for much of its expansion and progress. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company at Brandon and in a similar organization at Waupun. He is one of the enterprising and public-spirited men of Fond du Lac county, and his conception of his obligations as a citizen is of a high kind.

In the fall of 1891 Mr. Krohn was united in marriage to Miss Viola Randall, a daughter of Guilford G. and Sarah Adeline (Howard) Randall, the former a native of New York state and the latter of English-Jewish descent, although born in the Empire state. Mrs. Krohn's parents were married in Pennsylvania and the father came to Wisconsin in 1850. Here he purchased forty acres of land on section 34, Springvale township, to which he later added two hundred acres. He was a successful and scientific agriculturist for a number of years and died at the home of our subject on March 17, 1905. He and his wife were among the pioneer settlers of Springvale township. Mrs. Krohn was an intelligent and cultured woman and took an active interest in the affairs of the Daughters of the Revolution in which she held membership. Representatives of her family have been in almost all the American wars, and her uncle, Frank Howard, was captured in the battle of Chickamauga during the War of the Rebellion and died in Andersonville prison. To Mr. and Mrs. Krohn have been born four children: Mabel, born May 5, 1893, who is a graduate of the Brandon high school in the class of 1912, and is now fitting herself for teaching in the Oshkosh Normal School; Mertie, born March 11, 1895, who is a student in the Brandon high school; Arthur, who was born in February, 1897, and died in infancy; and Earl, whose birth occurred on October 4, 1899, and who is attending district school No. 5, Springvale township.

In his political affiliations Mr. Krohn is a consistent republican and takes an intelligent interest in public affairs. He served for six years as treasurer of school district No. 5, and was for ten years a member of the township board of Springvale township. His official life was distinguished by the same broad ideals of responsibility which have marked his career in all its phases. He and his wife affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church of Lodoga, and Mr. Krohn is one of the active members of that organization. He is now serving his third year as treasurer of the church. He is one of the enterprising and substantial citizens of his district and his success has been attained gradually but surely, while his work along lines of expansion and advancement in the interest of the general welfare is easily discernible.

JOHN H. LANDAAL.

John H. Landaal is the senior partner in the firm of Landaal Brothers, who are extensive dealers in all kinds of farm implements. Mr. Landaal was born November 1, 1881, at Alto, Wisconsin, and is a son of Henry and Mary E. (De Groot) Landaal, both of whom were natives of Wisconsin, the father's birth having occurred in 1858 and that of the mother in 1860. The paternal grandfather was John Landaal and the maternal grandparents were John and Lena (Wellhouse) De Groot, who emigrated to America from Holland in 1847. The paternal grandfather and also the maternal grandparent followed farming for a livelihood during their years of active work. To Henry and Mary E. Landaal nine children were born: Maggie, who married Louis Gallor, of Waupun; John H., of this review; George J., Harry and Melvin, all residents of Waupun; and Mabel, Charles, Elmer and Clifford, all of whom are at home.

John H. Landaal was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Wisconsin. He engaged in farming subsequently and in that line continued until 1902. In that year he engaged in the farm implement business in partnership with Benjamin Klugel, under the firm name of Klugel & Landaal. Later Mr. Klugel disposed of his interest and the business was continued under the firm name of Landaal & Mielke and some time later the name of the firm was changed to Landaal Brothers and the business has since been conducted under that name. The firm of Landaal Brothers is one of the well established and reputable business houses of Waupun and since the beginning of the business it has steadily increased in its volume of trade and its reputation has been such as to reflect credit upon the owners of the business.

Mr. Landaal was united in marriage on the 17th of October, 1905, to Miss Alice Loomans, who was born in December, 1881, and they have two children, Marion, six years old, and Sylvia, four years of age, both of whom are attending school. Mr. Landaal is affiliated with the democratic party and he and his wife are members of the Dutch Reformed church. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and is one of the well known and desirable citizens of this portion of the state.

WILLIAM J. KAUFMAN.

William J. Kaufman has won an enviable reputation in business circles of his native township and county as the manager of the Oak Center Lumber & Fuel Company. His birth occurred in Oakfield township, this county, on the 28th of February, 1872, his parents being John and Margaret Kaufman. The father, a native of Germany, emigrated to America and came to Wisconsin in

early manhood, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits. His demise occurred in the year 1881, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1908, when fifty-eight years of age. The record of their children is as follows: John, who is the proprietor of a sawmill and lumberyard at Phlox, Wisconsin; Lizzie, the wife of G. F. French, of Oakfield township; Charles, who is a train dispatcher residing in Chicago; Henry, an agriculturist of Oakfield township; and William J., of this review.

The last named attended district school No. 2 in his native township until fourteen years of age and was subsequently employed as a farm hand until 1897. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting a farm, which he operated for eight years. On the expiration of that period he purchased an interest in the coal and lumber business of his father-in-law, who passed away two years later. In 1907 a stock company was formed which on the 4th of March, of that year, was incorporated as the Oak Center Lumber & Fuel Company of Oak Center and was capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars. Of this concern Mr. Kaufman has since been manager, supervising its operations in a manner that has insured its continued growth and success. The prosperity which he now enjoys is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it is directly attributable to his own efforts, for he started out in life empty-handed, dependent entirely upon his own resources for whatever success he might hope to achieve.

On the 14th of January, 1903, at Oak Center, Mr. Kaufman was united in marriage to Miss Helen Wells, a daughter of L. R. and Etta Wells, of Oak Center. They have three children: Fay E., Velma A. and Irene M. At the polls Mr. Kaufman casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He is a Catholic in religious faith and fraternally is identified with the Equitable Fraternal Union and the National Fraternal League. High and manly principles have characterized his entire life, winning for him of Fond du Lac county from his birth to the present time and enjoys an extensive creditable position in the regard of his fellowmen. He has remained a resident within its borders.

PETER RICHTER.

The cultivation of a farm of eighty acres located on sections 28 and 29, Taycheedah township, largely occupies the attention of Peter Richter, who in connection with his general agricultural pursuits also engages in the sand business. He is a representative of one of Fond du Lac county's pioneer families and is a native of Marshfield township, his birth there occurring in 1857. He is a son of Mathew and Elizabeth (Hennes) Richter, natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to America in early life; the father locating in this county in the '50s. Here they were married soon after and are now residing in Fond du Lac, having passed the entire period of their domestic life in this county.

Peter Richter has always lived in this immediate section. He was educated in the common schools, passing his boyhood in the same way as the average youth of that period. When he first started out for himself he engaged in the saloon business, owning and operating an enterprise of this nature for five or six years. At the expiration of that period, he disposed of his establishment and accepted a position in a brewery, where he was employed for several years. Agricultural pursuits; of which he had a thorough practical knowledge, then attracted him and he purchased forty acres of land in Empire. The further cultivation and improvement of this farm engaged his entire attention for some time, but he subsequently sold his holding and invested the proceeds in his present place. Here he has

continued his general farming and stock-raising, meeting with a fair degree of success, and he is also engaging in the sand business.

In 1881, Mr. Richter was married to Miss Mary Maraga, a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Maraga. The parents were both born in Ireland but were married in this country. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Richter; Alfred, who is twenty-five years of age; and Frances, who is twenty-four, and who is the wife of Nickols Halfman.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, the parents being affiliated with St. Joseph's parish. Fraternally Mr. Richter is a member of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin and of St. Joseph's Society. His allegiance in matters politic is stanchly given to the democratic party, the principles of which he deems best adapted to subserve the highest interests of the majority. He is a man of honest business methods and good principles and is accorded the respect by his neighbors and acquaintances he justly merits by reason of his manner of conducting his transactions. He is widely known in this community and takes much pride in the fact that his family have for more than sixty years contributed toward the progress and development of Fond du Lac county, where he expects to pass the remainder of his life.

JOHN ENGEL.

John Engel is now farming eighty acres of land in Empire township, having been the owner of this property since he was twenty-one years of age. Every year of his activity has seen his success increase and his acreage become noticeably more developed. He was born in Taycheedah, Wisconsin, February 24, 1871, and comes of German ancestry, his father, John Engel, having been born in the fatherland in 1852. The latter came to the United States with his father, Peter Engel, the grandfather of our subject, when he was ten years of age, and settled in Fond du Lac county, where his early youth was spent in working in minor capacities on the neighboring farms. He was engaged in the cultivation of eighty acres of land near Taycheedah where he resided until 1906. In that year he retired and bought property in the city of Fond du Lac, where he now maintains his home. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss Barbara Will, and to their union were born nine children, eight of whom are still living: Barbara; John, the subject of this sketch; Annie; Herman; Bertha; Katherine; William; Emma; and Frank.

John Engel attended the district schools of his native county and also the Calvary Catholic school, where he pursued the usual course of studies, while he spent his leisure time in assisting his father with the work of the farm. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age and then in partnership with his brother Frank, bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Empire township and was active in its cultivation for five years. The two brothers continued business together until the subject was twenty-six years of age; when the farm was divided, John taking possession of the east eighty acres and Frank retaining title to the west eighty acres. In his independent agricultural career John Engel has met with a gratifying degree of success. He remodeled and repaired the house and outbuildings, purchased modern farm machinery and carried on his farm work along progressive and scientific lines. His place is now one of the model properties of Fond du Lac county and is an indication of his progressive principles of modern agriculture. Mr. Engel has been breeding thoroughbred Holstein cattle for the past seven years and has met with success in this work.

In 1897 Mr. Engel married Miss Katherine Konon, a daughter of Joseph and Katherine Konon, prominent residents of Forest township. Mr. and Mrs. Engel are the parents of two children: Odella, born February 1, 1902; and Alfred, whose birth occurred on the 24th of April, 1908. Mr. Engel gives his allegiance to

the Roman Catholic faith, holding membership in St. Michael's Cathedral of Dotyville, Wisconsin. In national politics he is a democrat but has an independent mind on local public issues. He has met with success by reason of his own untiring energies and efforts and by his custom of regarding agriculture as a systematic science which, like any other, shows definite results from definite causes.

FREMONT J. BRISTOL.

Fremont J. Bristol is one of the best known and most deservedly successful breeders of high-grade stock in Fond du Lac county. He is president of the F. J. Bristol & Sons Company, operators of one of the largest stock farms in Oakfield township. He started for himself in a small way and by steadily pursuing a straightforward policy, by industry, perseverance and good business ability, has made his enterprise expand and develop into a modern and prosperous institution. He is a native of the section in which he now resides and was born February 24, 1864. His parents were Abel and Abigail (Thompson) Bristol, natives of Vermont. His father was born in that state on the 13th of December, 1829, and came to Wisconsin in 1853, settling on a farm in Oakfield township, where he resided until he retired and moved to Oakfield. His death occurred in 1891. His wife is still living and makes her home at Oakfield, and has reached the age of eighty years. They were the parents of six children, Clarence A., Jennie I., Nettie A., Fremont J., Flora A., and Watson E.

Fremont J. Bristol was educated in the public schools of his native section and pursued the usual course of studies until he was fourteen years of age. He assisted his father upon the farm and also in the general merchandise store which the latter had established in partnership with Aaron Worthing under the name of Bristol & Worthing. He worked in this way until 1888 when he became a member of the firm, which was then operated under the name of the Bristol-Morgan Company, C. G. Morgan and F. J. Bristol having purchased the interest of Mr. Worthing. During this time Mr. Bristol was also identified with the management of a cheese factory which was conducted by his father and thus gained an experience which is very valuable to him at the present time. After the death of his father our subject, in partnership with his brother Watson and C. G. Morgan, carried on this latter enterprise, later making it into a butter factory. They had the only creamery in the village of Oakfield and were very successful. In 1901 Mr. Bristol sold out his interest in the creamery and devoted his entire time to the farm. In 1910 he sold his interest in the general merchandise store. He worked upon his farm of eighty-six acres in Oakfield township which he had purchased in 1893. He added to his holdings two hundred and twenty-six acres and now has one of the finest stock farms in the section in which he resides. He carried on the business for some time alone, but in 1907 he incorporated the enterprise with a capital stock of forty thousand dollars, under the name of the F. J. Bristol & Sons Company. In 1911 he increased the capitalization to one hundred thousand dollars, a move justified by his rapid and substantial success. The officers of the company are: F. J. Bristol, president; A. C. Bristol, vice president; W. A. Bristol, secretary; and W. E. Bristol, treasurer. They are expert breeders of pure-blooded registered Holstein cattle, having at the present time a herd of one hundred and forty head. They also specialize in thoroughbred hogs. The business is rapidly growing, owing to the able management and the careful and conservative policy of F. J. Bristol, who in his activities is representative of one of the principal industries of Wisconsin. His career has been distinguished by an intelligent grasp of local conditions and an expert knowledge of stock-breeding, controlled and directed by good business ability.

Fremont J. Bristol has been twice married. On March 5, 1884, he wedded Miss Carrie E. Gordon, a daughter of C. Z. and Mary (Thompson) Gordon, of Oakfield, and they became the parents of ten children; four of whom are living: Abel C., who married Evaline Beirne, of Oakfield; Hazel, who became the wife of C. M. King, of Oakfield, by whom she has one daughter, Dorothy; William A.; and F. Gordon. Mr. Bristol's second wife was Mrs. Mary E. Pratt, of Oakfield, and to this union was born one child, Montie A.

In his political views Mr. Bristol is a consistent republican and served as town clerk for nine years and as chairman of his township for one year. He belongs to the Masonic order and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Holstein Breeders Association of the State of Wisconsin, being at the present time treasurer of that organization. He is interested in local enterprises and always does his utmost to promote the growth and development of his native section. He is president of the Bank of Oakfield and vice president of the Oakfield Elevator Company. He is a devout believer in the Spiritualist religion. The success which he enjoys is the natural result of his well directed labor along progressive lines, aided by personal experience in the details of stock-breeding and supplemented by business sagacity and integrity of a high order.

JOHN M. STACK.

No state in the Union can present to the traveler a more beautiful prospect of fertile acres stretching out for miles in well cultivated productiveness with modern barns and farm buildings and the most improved and efficient equipment than can Wisconsin, and scarcely a state in the middle west, in proportion to the amount of soil under cultivation, is more productive. Among the men whose individual efforts have contributed toward this great prosperity, none have done more active development work than John M. Stack, now proprietor of one hundred and forty acres of land in Osceola township where he carries on general farming and is well known as a successful breeder and dealer in blooded cattle. Mr. Stack is of Irish ancestry and his father, Michael Stack, was the first representative of the family to come to America. He was one of the representative citizens and agriculturists of Fond du Lac county for many years and also prominent in local political circles. He was born in County Kerry and came to the United States when still a young man. His first residence was in the state of Vermont where he worked at farming in the employ of one man for six years. In 1852 he left Vermont for Wisconsin with his wife who was in her maidenhood Miss Hannah Fuller and whom he had married in Vermont. Mrs. Stack, the mother of our subject, was also a native of County Kerry and came alone from Ireland to the United States in 1849. When Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stack settled in Wisconsin, the father bought eighty acres of land in Forest township, which was in a wild and undeveloped state. With his own hands he built the log cabin in which he and his wife resided for many years and where their son, John M., was born. Michael Stack was an enterprising and ambitious man and soon had part of his land cleared and in a state of comparative development. He then disposed of his acres in Forest township and purchased a large farm in Osceola where he lived until his death at the age of sixty-eight years in 1896. He had been an active force in the educational development of Fond du Lac county and has served on the school board for over thirty years. He acted as supervisor of Osceola township and did efficient work for twenty years as justice of the peace. He was a democrat and his public life was always molded by his party's principles. His wife passed away in Fond du Lac county in 1909 when she was seventy-three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stack were

the parents of ten children, nine of whom are still living. Their eldest son was John M., the subject of this sketch. William H., is prominent in the automobile business in Milwaukee and is rapidly gaining success in this line of activity. The first daughter born to their union was Maria, who is the widow of Professor Barnard Grogan. Mrs. Grogan makes her home in Washington, D. C., with her son Stephen who graduated from law school and is now a practicing attorney in that city. Stephen S., is a prominent physician in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He received an efficient education in the grammar and high schools of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and later received his medical degree from Rush Medical College, Chicago. He practiced his profession in Campbellsport, Fond du Lac county, for five years. He took a course in surgery at Baden-Baden, Germany, and upon his return located in the city of Fond du Lac where he practiced for four or five years before he removed to Milwaukee where he is now head of the Sacred Heart Sanitarium under a twenty year contract. He is recognized as one of the able and leading physicians of Milwaukee and is one of the prominent representatives of the profession in that city. He married Miss Mary O'Connor and is the father of four children. The fifth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stack is James, who has followed the advertising business in Chicago for fifteen years. He made various removals before finally locating in the latter city and worked for seven years in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is head of one of the largest advertising concerns in the country and is prominent in financial and social circles of Chicago. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss Del Ross, a daughter of John Ross of Waupun, Wisconsin. Eliza became the wife of Mart Hanover of Chicago, Illinois, by whom she has two children. The four youngest children of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stack are: Jennie, now Mrs. William Reilly of Empire township; Alice, who is married and resides in Arizona; Edward, who farms on the old homestead in Fond du Lac county; and Thomas, who passed away when he was six years of age.

John M. Stack is the eldest of ten children and was born April 27, 1852. His birth occurred in Fond du Lac county and his education was received in the district schools of that section. He was acquainted with the details of agriculture from his early childhood and always aided in the labor of his father's farm. He worked on the homestead until he was twenty-seven years of age when he bought sixty acres of unimproved land in Osceola township and began an independent agricultural career. He labored early and late in the cultivation and development of his land and as a result soon became prosperous and successful. He built a modern house upon his holdings in 1893 and it stands today as an example of modern residential architecture in Fond du Lac county. It is lighted by gas and the plumbing equipment is sanitary and modern in all its departments. Mr. Stack has also made important improvements in his barns and silos and carries on his agriculture along scientific and progressive lines. He was soon able to purchase eighty acres adjoining his original sixty and his farm aggregates one hundred and forty acres of the most improved and productive soil in Fond du Lac county. Mr. Stack engages in general farming but gives special attention to the breeding of high-grade stock. In this enterprise he is associated with his son George and their united efforts have resulted in a flourishing and constantly increasing business along this line. He breeds full-blooded and high-grade Holstein cattle and makes their buying and selling an extensive branch of his industry.

In 1884 Mr. Stack was united in marriage to Miss Mary O'Connell of Sheboygan county, a daughter of John and Margaret O'Connell, who were among the oldest settlers in that section. To Mr. and Mrs. Stack have been born three children. George was born on the 9th of February, 1885, and was educated at the Oshkosh Normal School. He taught school for four terms in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, with much success, but having decided to adopt farming as his career in life attended the agricultural department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Upon leaving school he returned home and is now active with his father in the operation of the home farm. Florence was born on the 11th of

March, 1889, and was graduated from the State Normal School at Oshkosh. She later taught school in Marion, Waupaca county, Wisconsin, and is now a teacher in the district schools of Osceola township. Her position is in one of the best schools in the state and she is carrying on its duties ably and admirably. The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stack is Stella whose birth occurred in 1893 and who attended the Normal School of Oshkosh and St. Mary's Academy.

Mr. Stack is one of the representative and prosperous men of his state and county. He does not allow farming to monopolize his entire attention but is a well known and influential factor in business and political circles. He has for thirty-five years been actively identified as an auctioneer in this county, and has been agent and director of the Marshfield Fire Insurance Company for twenty years, and his business discrimination has influenced its success. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has been active in promoting the public welfare of his county in public office for many years. He was town treasurer for five years and town chairman for ten years and served as representative from Fond du Lac county to the Wisconsin state legislature for two years. His public service has always been distinguished by energy, conscientiousness and individual force, qualities which have also distinguished his private enterprise and made him a prosperous and influential man.

JOHN F. RIEMER.

John F. Riemer is specializing in the raising of chickens in Fairwater and has achieved a gratifying success in this line of occupation during the seven years of his connection therewith. His entire life has been spent in Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Marathon county, April 30, 1864. He is the son of Charles and Albertina (Bublitz) Riemer, natives of Germany, his father having been born in that country, December 8, 1826, and his mother on January 15, 1837. Charles Riemer's mother died when he was only a year old and six years later his father passed away. His early life was spent in the care of his stepmother and when he was old enough to work he found employment at various occupations. His marriage occurred in Germany in 1854 and immediately afterward he came to the United States, locating in New York, where his wife died. In the year 1857 he came to Marathon county and took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land, being among the early settlers in that district. In 1863 he enlisted in the Federal army, joining the Seventeenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He received his honorable discharge at the close of the war and immediately afterward returned to Marathon county, where he operated his farm until 1868. He then sold his property and came to Green Lake county, where he purchased one hundred and fifty acres which he brought to a high state of improvement and development. In 1888 he retired from active farm life and came to the village of Fairwater, where he is now residing. His second marriage occurred in 1857, when he wedded Albertina Bublitz, a daughter of Christian and Dorothy Marie (Fretchenhener) Bublitz, natives of Germany. Her father died in that country and her mother came to the United States in 1857, locating with her daughter in Marathon county. Mrs. Riemer is still living and makes her home in Fairwater. She and her husband had thirteen children. Anna, born June 20, 1858, became the wife of August Heuer, a farmer of Washington county, and died on the 13th of June, 1895. Will, the second in order of birth, is also deceased. August, born July 14, 1861, is engaged in farming in Alto township. Fred, born December 9, 1862, is employed as a laborer in Fairwater. John F. is the subject of this review. Mary, born April 6, 1866, is the wife of Will Hannemann, a farmer in Marquette county. Charles was born May 17, 1867, and died in 1912. Henry, born July 5,

1869, is also deceased. Alvina born March 9, 1871, is the wife of George Stelter, a farmer in Metomen township, Fond du Lac county. Augusta, born March 8, 1874, married Otto Loechelt, who is engaged in farming in Alto township. William, who was born April 17, 1876, is a farmer in Green Lake county. Ida, born October 22, 1878, is the wife of August Bade, a farmer in Lincoln county. Mollie the youngest member of the family, was born November 4, 1882, and is the wife of Henry Schure, of Green Lake county.

John F. Riemer attended the district schools in Metomen township and after he laid aside his books he learned the blacksmith's trade. After his marriage, which occurred in 1890, he purchased his father's farm in Green Lake county and for fifteen years carried on general agricultural pursuits upon this property, bringing it in the interval to a highly developed and improved state. He eventually sold the land and came to Fairwater, where he engaged in raising chickens. He is at present specializing in White Plymouth Rocks and Buff Leghorns and recently made a record sale, obtaining thirty dollars for a White Plymouth Rock cockerel. He has been successful both in farming and in chicken raising and has acquired a comfortable fortune. He owns besides his town property in Fairwater three hundred and twenty acres of good farm land in North Dakota.

In 1890 Mr. Riemer was united in marriage to Miss Martha Stelter, a daughter of Gottlieb and Henrietta (Quinn) Stelter, natives of Germany. Their marriage occurred in that country and they came to the United States in the early '50s, locating near Picketts, Green Lake county, where the father followed farming for a number of years. He later sold his property and settled in Metomen township, where he purchased three hundred and fifty acres upon which he resided until his death. He and his wife had six children: Gustave, who resides with his brother George, a farmer in Metomen township; Theodore, who is a carpenter by trade and resides in Marquette, Wisconsin; George, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Metomen township; Katie, the wife of August Riemer, a farmer in Alto township; Martha, now Mrs. John F. Riemer, whose birth occurred on September 23, 1870, in Green Lake county; and Charles, who died in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Riemer are the parents of a daughter, Laura, whose natal day was November 6, 1894, and who is living with her parents. The family belong to the Lutheran church of Fairwater.

In his political views Mr. Riemer is a consistent democrat and has always been active in public affairs. While a resident of Green Lake county he served upon the school board for six years and for four years upon the township board. He is a member of the board of education in Fairwater and has evinced in the more public aspects of his life the same conscientiousness and ability which have made his business career successful.

JACOB C. BREYER.

Jacob C. Breyer is one of the well known business men of Waupun where he is engaged in the manufacturing business, being secretary and treasurer of the well known firm of Breyer Brothers, Whiting & Company, manufacturers of tanks, windmills and steel towers. He was born February 17, 1869, in Elba, Dodge county, Wisconsin, and is a son of Philip and Mary (Knarr) Breyer. The father was a native of Germany and emigrated to America at an early day, settling in Elba, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Breyer eight children were born: Fred W., who died in 1912; Albert G., of Waupun; Bertha, now Mrs. Wood, of Brandon; Jacob C., the subject of this review; Caroline, who became the wife of Earl Betts, and resides in Milwaukee; Emma, now Mrs. Austin, residing in Elba; Mary, who married William Carpenter, and makes her home in Milwaukee; and Henry of Columbus, Wisconsin.

Jacob C. Breyer was reared in his father's home and completed his elementary education in the public schools of Elba at the age of eighteen. Immediately following the close of his school years he removed to Minneapolis and was there engaged for some time in teaming after which he spent some time farming in North Dakota. He then returned to Fond du Lac county and was employed by the Althouse Wheeler Company, remaining with that firm for ten successive years. In 1902, in company with his brothers, Fred W. and Albert G., he organized the Breyer Brothers Company and engaged in the manufacture of tanks, lawn swings and other farm home utilities, the making of lawn swings has, however, since been discontinued. Two years later Robert Diedrich was taken into the company as a partner and some time later sold his interest to J. C. Breyer, the subject of this review. In 1906 Charles A. Whiting was admitted to a partnership in the firm, and the name at that time was changed from Breyer Brothers Company to Breyer Brothers, Whiting & Company. Mr. Whiting is recognized as one of the most practical windmill men in the country. The company has always done a thriving business and is forced many times during the year to work overtime in order to fill its orders. The firm has recently been incorporated, the present officers and directors being Albert G. Breyer, president; Charles A. Whiting, vice president; and Jacob C. Breyer, secretary and treasurer. Other stockholders, not officers of the company are Cora M. Breyer, Burt Whittaker and Charles A. Lapp.

Mr. Breyer was united in marriage December 27, 1897, to Miss Ora Hart, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Hart) Hart, who were early pioneers of Wisconsin and now reside in Marshall, Wisconsin. They had a family of three children: George W., who is a banker at Bryant, South Dakota; Ada, who married Mr. Putney, a conductor on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and resides in Madison, South Dakota; and Ora, who is the wife of the subject of this review. To Mr. and Mrs. Breyer one child, P. Donald, has been born, who is a student in the Waupun high school.

Mr. Breyer is affiliated with the republican party and he and his wife are members of the Congregational church. He is one of the well known and enterprising business men of Fond du Lac county and a man whose business integrity is never questioned. As stockholder and officer of the Breyer Brothers & Whiting Company he has met with commendable success and is a man always to be found identified with every enterprise that will advance and improve the commercial, educational and moral conditions of the community in which he lives.

ANTON BRAUN.

Anton Braun, who engages in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising in the vicinity of Taycheedah, was born on the farm where he now resides in 1883. His parents, John and Mary K. (Freund) Braun, were born in Germany, whence they came to America in the late '40s. Here the father subsequently acquired forty acres of land which is now owned by the mother and operated by our subject. He diligently applied himself to the further improvement and cultivation of his place until he passed away in 1891. The mother is still living and continues to make her home on the farm.

Anton Braun was educated in the local schools, passing his boyhood in very much the same manner as other youths in the vicinity. He assisted his father with the cultivation of the farm until the latter's death, since which he has had the entire management of the place. He is a diligent man of earnest purpose and closely applies himself to his work. His fields are carefully tilled and planted to such crops as are best adapted to the soil, and in connection with his diversified farming he engages in stock-raising and is meeting with very good success in

both lines of his work. He also does some dairying and at the present time is milking eighteen cows. He is progressive in his methods and the majority of the improvements on the place have been made by him and he has also increased the equipment.

In 1910, Mr. Braun was married to Miss Mary Lindl, a daughter of John and Margaret (Rueth) Lindl. They were also natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to Wisconsin in 1832, first locating in Jefferson county, where for several years the father engaged in teaching school. One child has been born of this marriage, Roman, who is a babe of ten months.

Mr. and Mrs. Braun are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, belonging to St. Peter's parish. He is one of the hard-working, enterprising young agriculturists of the community, the result of whose energies is to be noted in the appearance of his well-kept fields and the improvements he is annually making in the farm.

WATSON E. BRISTOL.

Watson E. Bristol was one of the founders and organizers of the Bank of Oakfield and holds the position of cashier in that institution. It has grown from a humble beginning to one of the largest banks in Fond du Lac county and its expansion along modern and progressive lines is the direct result of the honorable principles of business integrity upon which it was established and which have been steadily adhered to during the fourteen years of its existence. Mr. Bristol as cashier has displayed a broad knowledge of financial conditions and the principles of banking and has been a dominating factor in the prosperity of the institution with which he is connected. He is a native son of Oakfield township and was born March 28, 1871. His parents were Abel and Abigail (Thompson) Bristol, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York. The father was born December 19, 1829, and came to Oakfield township in 1853. He taught school for three years during the winter months and farmed in the summer seasons. He was prosperous and successful and at one time was one of the prominent agriculturists of his section but was in the mercantile business at the time of his death, which occurred on March 25, 1891. His wife was born in New York state, February 27, 1833, and now makes her home in the village of Oakfield with her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Bristol had six children, Clarence A., Jennie I., Nettie A., Fremont J., Flora A. and Watson E.

Watson E. Bristol was educated in district school No. 1 of Oakfield township and supplemented his fundamental learning by a course in the Oshkosh State Normal School. He then entered Mann's Business College in Fond du Lac. He later acquired the knowledge of telegraphy and for four months worked at this occupation and then spent one term in school at Hillsdale, Michigan, after which he returned to Wisconsin and worked in his father's cheese factory at South Byron. After a few months he entered the employ of G. W. Watson in the conduct of a general store in that section and was successful in this line of activity until 1891, when his father died and our subject inherited an interest in the Bristol-Morgan Company's general store at Oakfield. He immediately returned to his native section and took up his duties along this line, gaining prosperity and prominence as an upright and straightforward business man. In 1905 the name of the company was changed to the Cowles-Carpenter Company and of this organization Mr. Bristol is now the treasurer.

In 1898, while he was still active as a general merchant, Mr. Bristol joined his brother, F. J. Bristol, and his brother-in-law, C. G. Morgan, in the establishment of a banking enterprise. They invested no capital but, having the confi-

dence of the people their success was rapid from the beginning. Some time afterward they contributed one thousand dollars, which was spent for a burglar and fireproof safe. Within a short time their deposits amounted to one hundred thousand dollars. Later the bank was incorporated under the laws of the state of Wisconsin with a capital stock of fifteen thousand dollars, which was soon increased to twenty-five thousand. The officers of the institution are: F. J. Bristol, president; C. G. Morgan, vice president; and W. E. Bristol, cashier. The enterprise is rapidly expanding along the modern, progressive and up-to-date lines and the bank now handles over one hundred and sixty thousand dollars in deposits. It owns the property and building in which its business is conducted. The lot has a frontage of sixty feet on Main street and one hundred and twenty feet on White street and is situated on the busiest corner in the village within two hundred and fifty feet of the center of the incorporation. The building with its furniture and fixtures is valued at over seven thousand dollars.

On December 24, 1891, Mr. Bristol was united in marriage at Oakfield to Miss Etta E. Paine and to this union have been born two children: Ethel E., a daughter, who married E. F. Baley, proprietor of the Wonewoc Telephone Company; and one son, Fern. Mr. Bristol is a republican in his political beliefs and actively and intelligently interested in local affairs. He never seeks to evade the obligations of citizenship and when called upon to serve his fellow citizens is always ready to accept the responsibility of public office. He was one of the incorporators of the village of Oakfield and is now village treasurer. He was the second president of the village and twice elected to fill that office. There is hardly a line of legitimate activity in which his name is not known and honored. He is treasurer of the Cowles-Carpenter Company and holds a similar position in the Oakfield Elevator Company and the F. J. Bristol & Sons Company. He is secretary of the Oakfield Telephone Company, having held this position since 1901, and is similarly connected with the Oakfield Light & Power Company. Since 1904 he has served as secretary of Oakfield Town Mutual Fire Insurance Company and is a stockholder in the Consolidated Highland Creamery Company. He is interested in educational matters and is treasurer of joint school district No. 1. He is secretary of the Spiritualist Society and is treasurer of the State Association. In fraternal circles, too, he is well known and widely popular. He holds the position of secretary in the Oakfield Lodge of the Masonic order and is clerk in the local organization of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is secretary of Rebekah Lodge, No. 123, and treasurer of the Western Wisconsin Camp Association.

Mr. Bristol is a man of resourceful business ability who looks beyond the present into the needs of the future and utilizes the means at hand toward the furtherance of his own success and the prosperity of the many enterprises with which he is connected. In all his dealings he is thoroughly reliable and honorable and a worthy representative of that class of citizens who constitute the most forceful element of any community.

WILLIAM J. FENELON.

William J. Fenelon is one of the well known and influential citizens of Wau-pun, where he has for many years been engaged in the butcher business. He was born on the 25th of October, 1836, in Cuba, West Indies, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fenelon. The father is a native of Ireland, his birth having occurred in County Carlow. At an early period in his life he emigrated to America and subsequently established his home in Wisconsin, where he spent the remaining years of his life. He had a family of six children, F. F., Bridget, John, Daniel, William and Mary.

William J. Fenelon was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Rosendale. He started in life for himself at the age of thirteen as an employe in the lumber camps and on the river, at which occupation he continued until eighteen years of age. He was engaged in lumbering in the forests of Wisconsin and continued in that business until he was twenty-three, after which he took up the life of a sailor and devoted four years of his time to sailing, for a time on the great lakes and also on the salt water. He then engaged in the butcher business in Waupun and for the past thirty years has continued to give his entire attention to that occupation.

In 1887 Mr. Fenelon was united in marriage to Miss Nora Brown, who was born in 1857 and is a daughter of John and Katherine (Collins) Brown, who were the parents of nine children: John, who died in 1877 in Minnesota; and Nora, Mary, Kate, Edward, Lucy, Margaret, James and William. To Mr. and Mrs. Fenelon seven children have been born: Robert, who died at the age of twenty-two years; James, who was born August 14, 1889; John, who was born November 11, 1890; Daniel, April 27, 1892; Arthur, March 3, 1893; Mark, December 27, 1895; and George, August 18, 1898. James Fenelon, the second of the family, married Josephine Houhense on the 17th of June, 1910. She is a daughter of John H. and Frances Houhense and by her marriage has become the mother of one child, Nora, who was born on the 11th of February, 1911. Mr. Fenelon and his wife and family are members of the Catholic church of Waupun. He is one of the well known and influential citizens of Fond du Lac county and as a resident of that part of Wisconsin he has consistently given his influence to the advancement of every enterprise intended to improve the condition of the people.

JOHN AND WILLIAM O'BRIEN.

John and William O'Brien are numbered among the representative and progressive agriculturists of Osceola township and were for some time associated with their two brothers, Frank and Timothy, in the management of their father's farm in that district. Their interests are now separate but they keep up a harmonious association in the cultivation of two adjoining farms. They are of Irish parentage, their father, John O'Brien, having been born in County Clare. He came to the United States when a young man and settled in New York state and there married Miss Mary Lynch, a native of County Tipperary. They remained in New York state until after the birth of their eldest son, James, but in 1856 came to Wisconsin and settled in Osceola township. Here the father bought a tract of wild land, unimproved and undeveloped. He built a log shanty upon his holdings and in this the family resided for many years. The father directed his ambitions and energies to making his farm productive and fertile. He replaced his original log cabin with a modern and commodious dwelling and built substantial barns and outbuildings. He equipped his farm with all the modern labor-saving devices on the market and operated his property until 1905 when he retired from active life and is now living with his son William. He rents his holdings in Osceola township and has entirely given up his connection with agriculture. He is now in the eighty-ninth year of his age and has survived his wife since 1900, in which year her death occurred when she was sixty-seven years old.

John O'Brien was born on the 1st of October, 1863. He was educated in the neighboring district schools and was familiar with agriculture in its various branches from his early childhood. As a youth he assisted his father with the work on the farm and for many years was active in its management in conjunc-

tion with his brothers. In 1903 he removed to the farm which he now operates and has been extremely successful along progressive lines since that time.

In 1901 John O'Brien was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Coyne, a daughter of John and Mary Coyne, the latter of Lamartine township, this county. Mrs. O'Brien is a charming and hospitable woman and has been an efficient aid to her husband in his agricultural career.

Actively interested in the agricultural development of Osceola township, where he operates a farm adjoining that of his brother John, and a man who is thoroughly acquainted with agriculture in its various branches, is William O'Brien, whose birth occurred on the 25th of March, 1876. He, like his brother John, was born on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. He has been associated with agriculture in Fond du Lac county all during his active life with the exception of two years, during which time he operated a cheese factory at Beechwood and another factory of a similar nature in Osceola township. His industrial career was successful but he never regarded it as a permanent occupation. At the end of two years he again returned to the home farm and in conjunction with his three brothers, Frank, John and Timothy, managed and operated his father's holdings for some time. In 1894 the brothers separated and William and Frank bought the two hundred, nine and one half acres which they now operate. They have been extremely successful in the conduct of this enterprise since that time. They bring to their agriculture a thorough and practical knowledge of its many details, which insures their prosperity and abundant harvests. They have improved and developed their holdings along lines of scientific expansion and their farm is today representative of the results of modern methods in general farming. The father at one time purchased the farm adjoining and this is now owned and operated by John and Timothy O'Brien.

William O'Brien was married on June 24, 1904, to Miss Rose Rach, a daughter of John Rach, who is prominent among the old settlers of Osceola township. Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien are the parents of four children: Mary, whose birth occurred on July 3, 1904; George, born on Christmas day, 1905; Genevieve, whose natal day was December 5, 1908; and John, born on the 27th of October, 1910.

William O'Brien gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has never sought public office. He belongs to the Roman Catholic church and his religion is an active force in his life. Agricultural interests of Osceola township and of Fond du Lac county find worthy representatives in John and William O'Brien. They have steadily and continuously increased their success along developing lines and their two farms stand forth as indisputable evidence of their prosperity.

FRANCIS M. COFFEEN.

Francis M. Coffeen, who engages in the general mercantile business at Peebles, was born in Watertown, New York, in 1847. His parents were Henry and Nancy (Lanpher) Coffeen, likewise natives of New York state, the father having been the first white boy born in Lewis county. The family removed to Wisconsin in 1850, taking up their residence in Fond du Lac county. The father, who was a cloth finisher, followed his trade until he came west, but thereafter his energies were devoted to agricultural pursuits. He purchased a farm located on what was then known as McClure's hill and diligently engaged in its cultivation until his death in 1872.

Francis M. Coffeen, who was a child of only three years when he removed to this county with his parents, has passed practically his entire life in Wiscon-

sin. He was educated in the common schools and in his early manhood he followed farming, but he subsequently engaged in cheesemaking. He was identified with this industry until eighteen years ago, when he turned his attention to commercial activities and has ever since been conducting his present store. He carries a good assortment of general merchandise, and as he conducts his business honestly has built up a large trade in the surrounding farming communities. Since purchasing the store he has greatly increased the stock and he has also enlarged the building to meet the requirements of his business. In connection with his business he is also acting as station agent and postmaster.

In 1892 Mr. Coffeen was married to Miss Frances J. Robbins, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Palmer) Robbins, and to them has been born one son, Fayette M., who is a youth of eighteen years and is assisting his father in the store.

The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the political support of Mr. Coffeen is accorded to the republican party. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coffeen are members of the Equitable Fraternal Union, at Neenah, and of the National Fraternal League at Green Bay. He is a diligent and enterprising man of earnest purpose, whose energies are entirely concentrated upon the development of his business, and as his methods are such as to commend him to the confidence of the people, he is prospering.

FRED J. CARPENTER.

Fred J. Carpenter has for the past eight years been successfully engaged in business as a member of the firm known as The Cowles-Carpenter Company, conducting a general store at Oakfield. His birth occurred at Rockbridge, Richland county, Wisconsin, on the 22d of December, 1869, his parents being Silas L. and Clara (Smith) Carpenter, natives of New York and Vermont respectively. The father, who was born in the year 1839 and removed to Richland county, this state, in 1859, followed farming throughout his active business career, retiring in 1904. His wife, who arrived in Richland county when a young girl, passed away in the year 1879. They had six children, as follows: LeRoy; Alice; Fred J., of this review; Alma; Nellie, whose demise occurred in 1905; and Edith.

Fred J. Carpenter attended the district schools of his native county until seventeen years of age and subsequently spent two terms in the agricultural department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. After putting aside his textbooks he worked in creameries until 1902 and during the following two years conducted a creamery of his own, selling out in 1904. In that year he entered into partnership with F. L. Cowles in the conduct of a general store in the village of Oakfield, where, as a member of The Cowles-Carpenter Company, he has since carried on a successful and growing mercantile enterprise. The concern was organized for twenty-five thousand dollars and carries a stock valued at twelve thousand dollars. The liberal patronage accorded the establishment is due to a large and well selected line of goods, reasonable prices and straightforward business dealings. Fred J. Carpenter has various other interests, being a stockholder in the Oakfield Elevator Company, the Highland Creamery Company, the F. J. Bristol & Sons Company and the Oakfield Light & Power Company.

On the 18th of June, 1902, at Oakfield, Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage to Miss Edna King, a daughter of John and Augusta (Moses) King of that place. Her father is an agriculturist by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have two children, Earl F. and Thelma E.

In politics Fred J. Carpenter is a staunch republican, being convinced that the principles of that party are most conducive to good government. He served as a member of the Oakfield council for four years and was clerk of the school board for three years, ever discharging his official duties in a highly commendable

manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Eastern Star, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs and the Modern Woodmen of America. In religious faith he is a Methodist. Upright and honorable in all life's relations, he is highly respected and esteemed in the community where he resides.

THEODORE HERRLING.

Theodore Herrling, who engages in general farming and stock-raising in Friendship township, was born in Germany on the 3d of January, 1840, and is a son of Theodore and Wilhelmina Herrling.

The education of Theodore Herrling was begun in the schools of his native land and completed in those of Friendship township. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed until the call came for troops in the early years of the war, when he offered his services to the country of his adoption and went to the front as a private in the First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted at Fond du Lac, September 16, 1861, as a member of Company K, commanded by Captain Thomas H. Green, and with his regiment participated in the battle of Perryville, where their loss was two hundred and four out of four hundred and seven engaged. He was with his regiment at Stone River in December, 1862, and January, 1863, and there his lower extremities were paralyzed from exposure to cold rains and over-exertion. On the 16th of October, 1863, he was discharged for disability and returned home with his comrade, George Stewart, who had been wounded in the arm at Chickamauga and had received a furlough. At that time Mr. Herrling weighed only ninety-three pounds and, being unable to walk, Mr. Stewart took him under his well arm and carried him in and out of the cars. Upon his return to Wisconsin he obtained a position as stationary engineer, which he held until his marriage. He subsequently turned his attention to farming and has ever since followed this vocation with a good measure of success. His place is known as Lakeside Farm and is one of the attractive and valuable properties of the township. Mr. Herrling is a man of intense activity and business enterprise, as is manifested by the general appearance and condition of his fields and buildings as well as his stock. During the long period of his ownership he has wrought extensive changes in his farm, on which he has placed all of the improvements. He has a comfortable residence, large, commodious barns, substantial outbuildings and fences, and all are kept in repair and present a thrifty and prosperous appearance. As his circumstances have warranted he has installed at different times various modern conveniences, and his equipment includes everything deemed essential by the agriculturist of the present time.

On the 9th of November, 1868, Mr. Herrling was united in marriage to Miss Antoinette Kinsman, a daughter of Joseph and Julia (Beckwith) Kinsman, who located in Fond du Lac in 1847. Her father, who held the office of assessor for several terms, passed away on the 15th of February, 1895, but her mother is still living at the venerable age of eighty-seven years.

Mr. Herrling was reared in the Lutheran faith. He maintains relations with his old army comrades through the medium of his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1890 he was appointed one of the three members of the Fond du Lac county soldiers' relief commission and served continuously most of the time as its president until 1902, when he resigned. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, to whose principles he is most loyal. He served as a member of the Fond du Lac county board of supervisors in 1878, 1879, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1889 and 1890. He was also treasurer of the school district for twelve years, was town clerk in the '70s and for seven years was



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chairman of the township board. He served as secretary of Friendship Protection Society for ten years and was its president for three years. In 1893 he was appointed notary public and is holding that position at the present time. His residence here covers the formative period in the development of Fond du Lac county. There were still many Indians when he came, and the settlers in the rural sections endured all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. The roads were little more than blazed trails, and as there were no bridges the streams all had to be forded, which made traveling both difficult and dangerous during the greater part of the year. Mr. Herrling has been an interested observer of the many changes and wonderful transformation wrought by time, and takes much pride and satisfaction in the fact that he has contributed his quota toward forwarding the progress and development of the section which for half a century he has called home.

WILLIAM SHEA.

No citizen of Osceola township is deserving of higher commendation for his achievements than William Shea, who was practically penniless when he began his career in America and has through his unceasing effort and persistency of purpose become numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of his community. He is a native of Ireland, his birth having occurred in County Kerry on the 5th of May, 1865, and a son of Maurice and Mary (Callihan) Shea. The parents passed their entire lives in the old country, where the father engaged in farming. Of the nine children born to them five are residents of the United States.

The first nineteen years in the life of William Shea were passed on his father's farm in County Kerry. As the land was not unusually productive, the prices low and the taxes high, it was most difficult to make the annual income meet the increasing needs of a family of nine children, and consequently they received but meager advantages. Dissatisfied with conditions in his native land, and seeing little hope of rising above the circumstances of his parents, William Shea resolved to come to America, where he had been told all enterprising young men could achieve success—in fact become rich. Having acquired the necessary passage money at the age of nineteen years he sailed for the new world, with Fond du Lac county as his destination. He took up his residence in Osceola township with Joseph Shea and for nine years thereafter worked out by the month for the farmers in this vicinity. Every Christmas he sent twenty-five dollars to his father and mother in Ireland, and he also remitted passage money to his brothers George and Joseph, in order that they, too, might come to the United States and thus better their condition. Besides the assistance he rendered his people he managed to save from his small earnings almost fourteen hundred dollars, which sum enabled him to begin farming for himself as a renter. Following his marriage in 1893 he leased some land, which he diligently cultivated for three years. At the expiration of that time he advanced another step in the achievement of his ambition by purchasing eighty acres of his present homestead. He was compelled to go into debt for this land, but the lessons in thrift and diligence instilled into him in childhood and so persistently practiced after coming to America, soon enabled him to pay off the mortgage. The responsibilities of a family and the desire to increase his holdings stimulated him to yet greater effort and in 1904, he extended the boundaries of his farm by the purchase of another eighty acres. His property is entirely free from all indebtedness, his fields are in a good state of productivity, his pastures are well stocked and his equipment is fully equal to his needs. During the period of his ownership, Mr. Shea has remodeled the house, erected a new barn and wrought various other improvements, all of which have enhanced the appearance and value of the property. His buildings and fences are

in good condition, and the appearance of the entire place manifests the exercise of systematic supervision and capable management in its operation.

On the 13th of February, 1893, Mr. Shea completed his arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Hannah Hughes, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Flynn) Hughes, and a native of Forest, where the parents located during the pioneer period. Mrs. Shea is a true helpmate to her husband and has greatly assisted him in his achievement of success. A good housewife and a kind mother she has collaborated with him to bring about their present comfortable circumstances. Mrs. Shea's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, made their home with our subject and his wife for eleven years. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shea: Thomas Francis and George Lea, who are twins; one who died in infancy; and Miles Edward. On October 31, 1908, Mr. and Mrs. Shea and son spent three months in their old home in County Kerry on the Emerald isle, where they visited Mr. Shea's aged parents and on their return to this country they brought over with them one of his nieces.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and hold membership in the Lady of Angels parish of Osceola township. Mr. Shea has taken out naturalization papers and gives his political support to the republican party, save in local elections when he votes for the man whom he considers best qualified for the office. In connection with general farming he is engaging in dairying and is prospering in both because of the intelligent and capable manner in which he directs his undertakings.

OTTO J. WALTERS.

Otto J. Walters is one of the well known and successful farmers of Waupun township, Fond du Lac county, where he is engaged in the cultivation of a highly developed property known as the Wood farm. He was born on the 16th of May, 1871, in the township of Lamartine and is a son of James D. and Ann E. (Fairbanks) Walters, both of whom are natives of Wisconsin. The paternal grandfather was one of the pioneers of Fond du Lac county and at a very early period settled on a farm located near the present town of Lamartine. The maternal grandfather, Jerome Fairbanks, was of English descent and was also a pioneer of this county, who established his home on a farm located in the township of Oakfield at the time the mother of the subject of this review was a child of four years. James D. Walters, the father, for many years was successfully engaged in farming in the township of Oakfield. To Mr. and Mrs. Walters three children were born: Mina, who died in infancy; Otto J., of this review; and Charles Earl, who was born in 1876 and resides in Milwaukee.

Otto J. Walters was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Lamartine. He later was a student at Wayland Academy for two years. He also pursued a business course of instruction in the Spencerian Business College of Milwaukee and was graduated from that school with the class of 1891. He remained under the parental roof after his school years were over for a period of nine years, after which he located on a farm known as the Wood farm in Waupun township and for the past ten years has given his undivided attention to its cultivation. He makes a specialty of breeding and raising thoroughbred Jersey cattle for his own use and for sale in the open market.

Mr. Walters was united in marriage October 10, 1895, to Miss Ella E. Martin, whose birth occurred on the 26th of November, 1870, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Alborn) Martin. The parents of Mrs. Walters were natives of England, who emigrated to America at an early day and settled on a farm in Friendship township. To Mr. and Mrs. Walters one child has been born, Irma M., who was born on the 13th of December, 1898, and is a pupil in the public schools. Mr.

Walters has been clerk of the township of Waupun since April, 1911. He is one of the reliable, respected and useful citizens of the county of Fond du Lac and is a man always to be relied upon to do his full part in public affairs seeking the improvement of the people in his county and state.

JACOB PHILIP LAUDOLFF.

Jacob Philip Laudolff owns and operates Valley Farm, one of the attractive properties of Taycheedah township, where his energies are largely devoted to dairying, in which he is meeting with more than an average degree of success. His place, which was formerly the property of his father, comprises one hundred and eighty acres of land. He is a native of Germany and a son of Simon and Anna M. (Baker) Laudolff, who emigrated to the United States with their family in 1867. They came direct to Fond du Lac county, locating on the farm our subject now owns, and here they both passed away.

Agricultural pursuits have always engaged the attention of Jacob Philip Laudolff, who is numbered among the capable and efficient business men of his community. He is very much attached to his farm, where he has passed the greater part of his life, his energies having been devoted to its further improvement since boyhood. He has cleared a large portion of the land himself, while all of the buildings now on the place have been erected during the period of his ownership. A man of practical ideas and diligent purpose, he has prospered in his undertakings by reason of the intelligence and general capability he has exercised in the direction of his activities. His equipment is entirely adequate to his needs, while he has ample barns and sheds for the accommodation of his stock and grain and a comfortable residence. Mr. Laudolff leads a life of well directed activity as is evidenced by the appearance and condition of his property and stock. His fields are carefully tilled and cultivated, the crops being systematically rotated from year to year, thus enabling him to keep the soil in a high state of productivity, and annually reap abundant harvests.

Mr. Laudolff was married in 1885 to Miss Anna Wirtz, a daughter of John and Katherin Wirtz, and to them have been born eight children, as follows: Kate, Joseph, Albert, Frank, Alma, William, Susie, and Marie.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church being members of St. Peter's parish. Mr. Laudolff takes an active interest in local politics, giving his support to the democratic party. He has on several occasions been called to public office and served with efficiency as township treasurer from 1897 to 1910. Mr. Laudolff is highly respected in his community, as he is public-spirited in matters of citizenship, while in his business transactions he is thoroughly honorable and upright.

AUGUST L. HANSEN.

August L. Hansen is a native of Germany and his father was among the pioneers in Wisconsin's development. He himself has been a resident of the state since he was three years of age and has lived here an upright, useful and honorable life, devoted to farming. He has been an agriculturist all his life, with the exception of five years spent in Chicago and five years as a carpenter and contractor in Fond du Lac county, and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land, which he cultivates intelligently along modern lines. He was born August 7, 1850, and is the son of John and Sophia (Ehlers) Hansen, both natives of Germany. The father's birth occurred in that country,

November 10, 1816. He was a shoemaker by trade and did some farming. He came to Fond du Lac county in 1854 and purchased land in Calumet township where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1904. His wife passed away in 1880, when she was fifty-four years of age. To their union were born ten children: Martha, who died in Germany; Henry, who is a grocer in Oshkosh and who married Miss Elmira Pickering, by whom he has two children, Harry and Lillian; August L., of this review; Fred, who married Miss Jennie Pickering, of Leroy, by whom he has seven children, Louis, Harry, John, Walter, Elsie, Irene and Fred, all of whom live with their parents in Fond du Lac; Christ, who is a millwright in Neenah and who married Miss Lizzie Gray; Mary, who became the wife of William Mueller, a farmer in Washington, by whom she has three children, Sophia, Addie and William; Sophia, who married Charles Shlanke, a printer in Spokane, Washington, by whom she has six children; Charles, who passed away when he was about twenty years of age; a child who died in infancy; and a daughter who passed away at the age of four years.

August L. Hansen came to America with his parents and was educated in the district schools of Calumet township. His early life was spent in aiding his father in the work of the farm and he was active in all phases of agriculture until he was twenty-one years of age. He thus gained early in his career a knowledge of the most effective and modern methods of operation and a personal experience which aided him in his later work. When he was twenty-one years of age he went to Chicago, where he worked as a carpenter for five years. He then returned to Wisconsin and after a similar period spent in the carpentering and contracting business, bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Oakfield township, where he has since resided and cultivated the soil. He since has added to his property and his farm now comprises three hundred and twenty acres, all in excellent condition. He has made needed improvements from time to time and is actuated in all his work by standards of agricultural efficiency. He has thirty head of cattle and eight horses and he makes it a point to keep a high grade of stock. His farm is one of the finest and most productive tracts of land in the district and he is numbered among the progressive and substantial agriculturists.

On June 3, 1878, Mr. Hansen was united in marriage at Fond du Lac to Miss Sarah Edwards, a daughter of William and Lydia (Wheaton) Edwards. The father was born in Wales in 1824 and came to Wisconsin in the early days of its settlement, locating in Eldorado township, where he followed farming. He died in 1901. His wife was a native of New York state, where her birth occurred in 1831 and she passed away in Wisconsin in 1877. To their union were born the following children: Eliza, who married Charles Etter, of Pennsylvania; Sarah, who died in infancy; Sarah, the second of the name, the wife of our subject; David and Henry, both of whom are now deceased; George, a farmer and stock buyer of Oakfield township, who married Miss Della Worthing, by whom he has three children, Claude, May and Lucille; Sherman, a retired physician in Oakfield, who married Miss Ruby Armitage; Myron, who resides in North Dakota; Rial, who is married and also lives in North Dakota; Cora, who makes her home in Chicago; and Hattie, who married Andrew Kensler, a teamster of Fond du Lac, by whom she has five children, Irene, Amy, Harry, Robert and Milo. Mrs. Hansen has also two half-sisters, Jane and Ann. To Mr. and Mrs. Hansen have been born twelve children: William L., a farmer of Fond du Lac county, who married Isabel McArthur, by whom he has three children, Lynn, Victor, and one who died in infancy; Frank, who also follows farming and who married Miss Ida Batterman, of Fond du Lac, by whom he has one child, Duane; Effie, now the wife of George McArthur, a railroad man of Fond du Lac, by whom she has one child, Harold; Pearl, a farmer, who married Margaret Griffith, of Oshkosh; Ira, who is a fireman in Fond du Lac

and who married Miss Della Fisher, of Oakfield, by whom he has three children, Arnold, Lucille and Raymond; Earl; Gay; Claude and Maude, twins; Hazel; Annie; and Agnes.

In his political views Mr. Hansen is a consistent democrat and was for five years road superintendent. He belongs to the Lutheran church and is active in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America. He holds stock in the Farmers Elevator Company of Oakfield and is recognized as a man anxious to promote local enterprises. He studies his agriculture in its different phases and has been successful from the beginning because of his personal efficiency. He is ranked among the enterprising and substantial citizens of his district and his activities in the cultivation of his fine farm are regarded as a valuable influence in agricultural development.

HARRY F. GRANTVEDT, D. D. S.

Dr. Harry F. Grantvedt is one of the most promising of the younger generation of professional men in Ripon and has become well known in this city as a careful and painstaking dentist. He was born February 29, 1875, in Chicago, Illinois, a son of Elliot C. and Matilda Grantvedt, both natives of Norway, who came to America in 1868 and located in Chicago. They were the parents of six children: Ella M., now the wife of Dr. S. D. Greenwood, of Neenah, Wisconsin; H. F., of this review; Jennie M., living at home; Norman E., who resides in Chicago; and Gertrude F. and Elmer, both of whom are living at home.

Dr. H. F. Grantvedt received his early education in the public schools of Chicago. He later attended high school in that city and supplemented this by a course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College. He took up the study of his profession in 1896 in the Illinois School of Dentistry, graduating from that institution in 1899. He gave special attention to work in surgery and anatomy, and graduated from the Chicago School of Anatomy and Physiology in 1897. Dr. Grantvedt practiced his profession in Chicago for one year and was very successful until his health failed. He again started at Brandon, Wisconsin, in 1900, and later conducted an office at Markesan, in conjunction with Brandon. In 1905 he moved to Ripon, where he has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, and during the seven years of his residence in this city he has become well known and popular in professional and social circles. He is painstaking and accurate in his work and his knowledge of the details of his profession is thorough and specialized. The number of his clients is increasing every year and his success is founded upon his well known ability and good judgment. He is one of the most progressive dentists in Ripon, keeping himself abreast of the times by constant reading along professional lines. He believes in the knowledge and advancement to be gained by association with his co-laborers in the dental field and holds membership in many different societies having for their object the raising of the standard of dental surgery.

Dr. Grantvedt belongs to the Wisconsin State Dental Society and is also a member of the Fox River Valley Dental Society and the Fond du Lac District Dental Society. He makes a specialty of Prosthodontia (the manufacturing and fitting of artificial teeth) and has been the originator of several new ideas along this line. He has gained a reputation for efficiency in this field and in the summer of 1911 made a demonstration tour of Europe for the purpose of putting his methods before the foreign dentists and giving to the entire dental profession the benefit of his study and research.

Fraternally Dr. Grantvedt is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been secretary of that organization for a number of years.

He has no extensive fraternal affiliations, preferring to devote his time and attention to the practice of his profession and the studies incident to it. He is well known in Ripon as a dentist who regards his work seriously and who has done much in the course of his years of practice to raise the standard of his profession and to place dentistry upon a higher and more scientific plane.

MATH THOLL.

Math Tholl conducts a general merchandise store in Silica, Taycheedah township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and his prosperity is the result of industry, intelligently directed. His success is exemplified in the fact that his enterprise has had a healthy and normal growth during the four years of his connection with it and its present flourishing condition is the result of gradual and steady advancement. Mr. Tholl was born in the section where he now resides in 1868 and is a son of Steve and Katie (Gillis) Tholl, natives of Germany. The father came to America in the early '50s and his marriage occurred in this country. He followed farming all during his life and was prosperous and successful as an agriculturist. He died upon his property in Taycheedah township in 1883 and his wife is still surviving him. Math Tholl is one of four children, the others being: John, who is farming upon the old homestead in Taycheedah township; Mary, who lives at home; and Maggie, who married Peter Johann, of Fond du Lac.

Math Tholl was reared upon his father's farm and was educated in the district schools of his native section. He followed farming for some time upon a tract of land comprising seventy-six acres, of which he later disposed. He has been identified with general merchandising as owner of a flourishing store for the past four years and is one of the enterprising citizens of this section. His stock is carefully selected and tastefully arranged and his various lines are always modern and complete. He has adhered constantly to a policy of expansion and of conservatism in buying and has evolved an excellent business upon this foundation.

Mr. Tholl was united in marriage to Miss Katie Schneider of Calumet township, and to their union have been born three children: Louisa, aged sixteen years; Arthur, who is ten years old; and Edward, who has reached his fourth year. Mr. Tholl and his family affiliate with St. Peters Catholic church. He has always been esteemed in his community for his business integrity and has gained wide recognition for honesty and fair dealing. He believes in the value of personal labor in promoting prosperity and values his reputation as a plain, hard-working citizen as his most important asset.

WILLIAM F. SOMMERFIELD.

William F. Sommerfield, who in 1904 purchased an interest in a furniture and undertaking establishment at Oakfield, has been engaged in this business since that time and has won success by reason of his able management. He is a prominent factor in public life as president of the village. His birth occurred in Metomen township, Fond du Lac county, on the 19th of January, 1875, his parents being Samuel and Wilhelmina (Otto) Sommerfield, both of whom were born in Germany in the year 1849. The father, who came to this county in 1871 and was a stone mason by trade, met death as the result of the cave-in of a well in 1902. The mother was called to her final rest in 1901. The record of their children is as follows: William F., of this review;

Emil, who wedded Miss Emma Wagner and is employed as a clerk; Samuel, who married Miss Effie Van Buren of Alto township, by whom he has two children; Frank, who is clerking at Markesan and wedded Annie Warnke; John, who married Miss Agnes Sems, and is a carpenter by trade; and George, a merchant of Milwaukee.

William F. Sommerfield obtained his early education in the district schools of his native township and subsequently attended the high school of Brandon and also a parochial school at that place. He then worked as a farm hand and learned the barber's trade, conducting a shop for several years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Milwaukee, where he continued at his trade for some time. Returning to Fond du Lac county, he purchased an interest in a furniture and undertaking establishment at Oakfield in 1904 and has conducted the same up to the present time. He is accorded a liberal patronage and well merits the success which is now his. He is a stockholder in the Oakfield Elevator Company and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a substantial and prosperous citizen of his native county.

On the 15th of May, 1901, at Oakfield, Mr. Sommerfield was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Mae Austria, a daughter of William and Lizzie (Kraemer) Austria. Her father, who has lived retired for several years, was a miller during his active business career. William F. Sommerfield is a republican in politics and served as justice of the peace in Oakfield for one year, while for five years he acted as village clerk. He then served out the unexpired term of C. H. Moore, president of the village, who had died. In 1912 he was elected to that office and is now the able incumbent in that position. At the present time he is also a candidate for the assembly from the second district. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, while his religious faith is that of the Baptist church. In every relation of life he has been found true and loyal to the trusts reposed in him and his life has been in conformity with a high standard of conduct.

FRANK SCHUJAHN.

Frank Schujahn is the proprietor of one of the most up-to-date and prosperous cheese manufacturing establishments in this county, his plant and warehouses being located at 184 and 186 West Second street, Fond du Lac, and his residence at No. 46 Cottage avenue in that city. He was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, on the 13th of March, 1872, his parents being Ludwig and Mary (Fehland) Schujahn, both of whom were natives of Germany. His paternal grandparents, Henry and Carolina (Gabriel) Schujahn, emigrated to America in 1848, and settled in Dodge county, where they engaged in farming, both having passed away at that place many years ago. Their children were five in number, namely: Ludwig, Mary, Louisa, Bertha and Otto. The maternal grandparents of our subject likewise emigrated to America, settling in Dodge county, where they died well advanced in years. Two children were born unto them, August and Mary. Both the grandparents Fehland were twice married. Three children were born to the mother by her second husband, Mr. Raabe: Herman, August and Louisa. By his second wife Mr. Fehland also had three children: Reinhold, Otto and Lydia.

Ludwig Schujahn, the father of Frank Schujahn, was by occupation a farmer. He emigrated to America in 1848 and located in the town of Hubbard, Dodge county, this state. Here he continued his residence until 1887 and then removed to Crab Orchard, Kentucky, where he remained for one year and then removed to Bowling Green, that state, at which place he still resides, being at this time seventy-two years of age. His wife was called to her final rest in

1905, when fifty-eight years of age, passing away in the faith of the Lutheran church, to which Mr. Schujahn also belongs. During his residence in Dodge county, Ludwig Schujahn has filled several town offices. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, as follows: Reinhold, of Michigan City, Indiana; Frank, a resident of Fond du Lac; August and Ernest, both of whom reside in Bowling Green, Kentucky; Lydia, the wife of Frank Rupnow, of Juneau, this state; Hulda, the wife of Peter Weidemann, of Franklin, Kentucky; and Paul, now serving in the United States army in the Philippine Islands.

Frank Schujahn was born and reared in Dodge county and was educated in the public schools. At the age of fifteen he began his independent business career. At that time he apprenticed himself as cheese-maker and after becoming proficient in this vocation, in 1893, he established himself in the cheese business at Huilsburg, where he continued to conduct his business for nine years. He then removed to Theresa, staying at this place three years, and in 1905 he purchased an interest in the Winnebago Cheese Company, in Fond du Lac, and removed to that city. This company was incorporated for twelve thousand dollars in 1906 and in 1909 Mr. Schujahn became its sole owner and has since continued in the manufacture and sale of cheese products, selling his goods in all parts of the United States.

On the 26th of November, 1893, Mr. Schujahn was united in wedlock to Miss Anna Kiekhaefer, a native of Germany, and a daughter of Carl and Carolina (Lailia) Kiekhaefer, whom she accompanied on their emigration to this country when still but a child. The family located at Juneau, at which place Mrs. Schujahn grew to womanhood and received her early education in the public schools. Her father was a carpenter by trade but in later years engaged in farming. He maintained his residence at Juneau until the time of his death, which occurred in 1903, when he had attained the age of sixty-three years. He is survived by his wife, who still resides at Juneau. They had eleven children, four of whom grew to maturity, namely: Ferdinand, William, Bertha and Anna. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children: Edna, Meta, Alwin and Walter. Mr. and Mrs. Schujahn are members of St. Peter's Lutheran church. The former is affiliated with the republican party and is one of the well known, reliable and successful business men of this county, his specialty being the manufacture of cheese. He is a man always to be relied upon to give his influence and help toward the advancement of any meritorious cause affecting the best interests of the people in his state and county.

CAPTAIN JOHN J. ROBERTS.

Captain John J. Roberts, who is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, is also numbered among the most successful business men of Waupun, where he is engaged in the general banking business as president of the State Bank of Waupun. He was born February 5, 1842, and is a son of Owen R. and Jane (Cadwalder) Roberts, both of whom were natives of Wales. The father with his wife and family emigrated to the United States in 1847, making his first location in Columbia county, Wisconsin, where he purchased land and later engaged in the cultivation of a rented farm. He subsequently removed to Cambria, Wisconsin, where he continued to live to the time of his death. He was a stanch republican, and he and his wife were loyal members of the Protestant church. To Mr. and Mrs. Owen R. Roberts seven children were born: Robert D., a retired farmer living in Aberdeen, South Dakota; C. A., of Chicago, who was in the employ of Marshall Field & Company for forty

years; John J., of this review; Jane, who is deceased; Eleanor, a resident of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Margaret, who married J. Pace, of Minnesota; and Catherine, who passed away in infancy.

John J. Roberts was a native of Wales and with his parents emigrated to America in 1847. He was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Wisconsin. He remained under the parental roof until 1860, at which time he started in life for himself and took up work as clerk in the general merchandising store of William E. Smith at Fox Lake, Wisconsin. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and continued to follow his command until he received an honorable discharge, at which time he was mustered out of service in April, 1863. He returned immediately thereafter to his home in Wisconsin and in company with J. B. Vosburg organized the Forty-eighth Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, in which J. B. Vosburg served as a commissioned captain and John J. Roberts of this review as first lieutenant. Mr. Roberts was commissioned captain at the close of the war but did not serve in that rank during the Civil conflict. After peace was declared he continued in the army service for one year, during which time his command was in the western part of Kansas, where they were engaged in the suppression of the Indian uprising which at that time was disturbing the frontier pioneers in that portion of our country. He later served as quartermaster at Fort Dodge for some time and in 1866 he returned to Fox Lake, Wisconsin, where he was in the dry-goods business for three years. In the fall of 1870 he removed to Waupun and in company with L. Smith engaged in the general retail and wholesale mercantile business in that city. His partnership with Mr. Smith closed at the time of the latter's death which occurred in 1871, after which time Mr. Roberts as sole owner successfully conducted the business in his own name until 1895. He then sold the stock of merchandise, retaining, however, the real estate and buildings used in connection with the conduct of that business. In 1895 he received the appointment as warden of the Wisconsin State Penitentiary from Governor Upham and continued in that office until the expiration of Governor Upham's term, after which he was reappointed to the same office by ex-Governor Scofield and continued in the service of the state as warden of the penitentiary until 1899. In addition to his city real-estate holdings he is also the owner of a very large farm in North Dakota. In 1906 he purchased stock in the State Bank of Waupun and was later, in 1907, elected to the responsible office of president of that well known banking institution, since which time he has devoted himself to a large extent to the interests of the banking business.

The State Bank of Waupun was organized in 1903 with an authorized paid-up capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, the original incorporators being E. M. Beach, J. C. Sherman, Oscar Hanisch, J. S. Morris and H. J. Hartgerink. At the time of the organization of the bank the corporation purchased a suitable building in which to conduct its business and in 1911 the building was remodeled and newly equipped for the greater convenience of its officers and patrons, and it is now one of the best and most up-to-date bank buildings in this portion of the state, being a fine two-story structure with suitable offices on the second floor. In 1906 the bank was reorganized and at that time the following officers and directors were elected: J. J. Roberts, president; H. J. Hartgerink, vice-president; Fred W. Luck, cashier; Oscar Hanisch, assistant cashier; and Oscar Hanisch, W. E. Rank, J. J. Roberts, Fred W. Luck, H. J. Hartgerink, J. S. Morris and A. Lemoness, directors. The State Bank of Waupun is one of the well known and among the most successful institutions of its kind in central eastern Wisconsin and does a large and increasing business in both Dodge and Fond du Lac counties.

Captain Roberts was united in marriage in 1868 to Miss Jennie Smith, a daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Grant) Smith, natives of Inverness, Scot-

land. They came to America about 1830 and settled in Commerce, Michigan where they remained until their death. An uncle of Mrs. Roberts was William E. Smith who was governor of Wisconsin for two terms and very prominent in public life. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are the parents of three children: Jessie, who married Dr. T. M. Welsch, who is a practicing dentist of Waupun; Myra, at home; and Ira Smith, who is a traveling salesman. Captain Roberts is one of the loyal adherents of the republican party and a man high in the councils of that political organization. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He was for some time master of the blue lodge of Waupun. He is also one of the influential and popular members of the Grand Army of the Republic and is a member of the Loyal Legion of Milwaukee. Captain Roberts is one of the well known and useful citizens of the state of Wisconsin. His record as a soldier and a business man reflects great credit upon the integrity of his character and his well known business ability. As warden of the penitentiary at Waupun he enjoyed the distinction of being one of the most efficient and popular officers who have ever served in that office and on his retirement from that service he carried with him the respect of the citizens of Wisconsin for the efficient manner in which he had carefully protected the interests of the people, at the same time exercising a merciful, considerate and helpful control over the unfortunate inmates of that penal institution, and his name now as then is a synonym for all that is straight in business, upright in character and useful as a loyal, patriotic citizen of his state and nation.

GUSTAVUS FRANCIS HORNER.

Gustavus Francis Horner, engaged in the insurance business in Ripon, has for more than a half century been a continuous resident of Wisconsin and his life record is a credit and honor to the state with the history of which the name of Horner is indelibly associated inasmuch as his father, the Hon. John Scott Horner, was one of its territorial governors. Extended mention of him is made elsewhere in this volume. The son was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, October 26, 1840, and was about three years of age when he was taken to Washington, D. C. and resided with his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Watson. His early education was acquired in the schools of the capitol city, where he remained until 1852, when he rejoined his parents at Green Lake, to which point they had in the meantime removed. In 1854-5 he was a student in Ripon College and on completing his course there took up the profession of teaching which he followed until 1860. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to Ripon and entered business circles of this city as a clerk in the grocery store of Joseph Hall, one of the early merchants here. Subsequently he turned his attention to the wheat and produce business, continuing operations along that line until 1878. He has always figured as one of the leading and enterprising business men of this city and possesses the energy and determination which carries forward to successful completion well formulated plans. In 1886 he became connected with the coal and lumber trade as the senior partner of the firm of Horner & Middleton. He is now conducting an insurance business, for indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and, although possessed of a comfortable competence as the result of his former business operations, he is still an active factor in the world's work for he could not be content to do otherwise.

On the 14th of December, 1865, Mr. Horner was married to Miss Anna L. Ballou, in Booneville, Oneida county, New York, where her birth occurred, her parents being William and Harriet Ballou. To Mr. and Mrs. Horner were

born three children, of whom one, a son, died in infancy. The daughter Alice is the wife of Frederick M. Brigham, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, and now of Philadelphia. Gustavus B., the son, was married in 1900, to Grace Corliss and has three daughters, while Mrs. Brigham also had three children, of whom one son is yet living. Gustavus B. Horner is engaged in the insurance business with his father, who has been connected therewith since 1874. The father continued in the coal and lumber trade with Mr. Middleton for a quarter of a century and then withdrew to concentrate his energies upon his present line of business.

At different times Gustavus Francis Horner has figured prominently in connection with public office. In the spring of 1873 he was elected city clerk and clerk of the municipal court of the city and town of Ripon, serving in that capacity for a period of ten years, with an interval of four years, reentering the office in 1883. In 1874 he was elected by the county board as superintendent of the west district of Fond du Lac county comprising six townships. He acted in that capacity for four years and when the county system was abolished and the city plan adopted he served for two terms. He has always been a democrat, following in the political footsteps of his honored father, and his popularity and confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen are indicated by the fact that he has always received a strong republican vote. While his father's prominence gave him position, his own personal worth has maintained him in the high regard and confidence of his fellowmen, his business record and his public service alike entitling him to the warm regard and good-will of all who know him.

JOHN LAWLESS.

John Lawless is one of the enterprising and up-to-date farmers of Friendship township, where he was born June 2, 1862. He is a son of Matthew and Mary (McCabe) Lawless, both of whom were natives of Ireland. He was reared in the township of Friendship and there received his elementary education in the public schools. In early life he engaged in farming and has since continued in that line, having met with gratifying success.

Mr. Lawless was united in marriage in 1894, in the township of Friendship, to Miss Ella E. Fox and they are the parents of four children: Anastasia, sixteen years of age; Mary, who is twelve years old; and Joseph and John, who are ten and eight years of age, respectively. Mr. Lawless belongs to the democratic party and served in the office of town clerk from 1891 to 1896. He and his family are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Lawless is a member of the advisory board of the church in which he holds membership. He is a man who enjoys the confidence and esteem of all his associates and during his entire life, which has been spent in the township of Friendship, he has ever been regarded as one of the trustworthy and substantial citizens of Fond du Lac county.

ROY D. TILLOTSON.

Roy D. Tillotson is one of the well known attorneys of Waupun where he is successfully engaged in the general practice of his profession. He was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, September 12, 1873, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth A. (Robbins) Tillotson, both of whom were natives of New York, the father of Vernon county and the mother of Niagara county. The pa-

ternal grandparents were Lewis W. and Caroline E. Tillotson, who settled in Wisconsin in the late '50s where they were engaged in general farming during the remaining years of their lives. The father of our subject was engaged in the manufacture of cigars in Waupun until the time of his death which occurred July 8, 1877. The mother was a daughter of James and Anastasia Robbins, who removed from New York state and settled first in Fond du Lac county but later took up their abode in Dodge county. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tillotson two children were born: Roy D., the subject of this review; and Libby C., who died at the age of seven years.

Roy D. Tillotson was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Waupun. After passing through the lower grades he was graduated from the high school and later became a student in the Wisconsin University at Madison from which institution he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in the class of 1895. He later read law under C. E. Hooker of Waupun, and was admitted to the Wisconsin bar in 1897, since which time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in the general practice of law in Waupun.

Roy D. Tillotson was united in marriage in 1896 to Miss Kitty B. Simpson of Waupun, her father being one of the well known and successful agriculturists of Dodge county. To Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson two children have been born, Alexander and Mary. Mr. Tillotson is one of the well known and highly respected lawyers of Fond du Lac county and is a man interested in every public measure seeking the improvement of the people in his county and state.

WILLIAM TANK.

William Tank is one of the members of the well known firm of Tank Brothers, who are among the successful manufacturers of butter in Fond du Lac county. The factory is located at Van Dyne, in Friendship township. Mr. Tank was born in the town of Eldorado in 1884, where he was reared and received his elementary education. As a young man he was first engaged in farming and in that occupation continued for a number of years. Later, in copartnership with his brother George, he established a butter factory at Van Dyne and to the interests of the business he has since devoted his entire attention.

Mr. Tank was united in marriage, in the town of Eldorado, to Miss Emma Martin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church, and Mr. Tank was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for a number of years. He is one of the enterprising and reliable business men of Van Dyne and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the citizens of Fond du Lac county, in which he is widely known.

GEORGE TANK.

George Tank is one of the proprietors of an up-to-date butter factory located at Van Dyne, where he is successfully engaged in partnership with his brother, in the manufacture and sale of butter. He was born in the town of Eldorado in 1888 and there received his early education in the public schools. He was for some time in early life engaged in farming and later, in partnership with his brother William, he established a factory at Van Dyne, which has since been operated under the firm name of Tank Brothers, in the

manufacture of butter. Mr. Tank has since devoted his entire time to this business and has met with marked success.

Mr. Tank was united in marriage in the town of Eldorado to Miss Elsie Bender. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church. The firm of Tank Brothers, located at Van Dyne, is one of the business concerns which reflects credit upon the community in which it is engaged in the general manufacture and handling of butter. Since the establishment of the firm it has continued to do an increasing volume of business and has always borne a high reputation for integrity in business matters and is by public opinion placed among the leading concerns of its kind in that part of Fond du Lac county.

FRED W. SMITH.

Fred W. Smith makes his home on section 26, Lamartine township, where he is farming one hundred and twelve acres of land and is active and prominent in local public affairs. He was born in the section in which he now resides on the 16th of June, 1859. His father, Andrew Smith, came to Wisconsin from his native state, New Hampshire, in 1848 and farmed upon his original purchase of eighty acres of land in Fond du Lac county until his death in 1893. Mr. Smith's mother was in her maidenhood Miss Sevina C. Hodgdon, also a native of New Hampshire who came from that state with her husband and died in Fond du Lac in 1911. They were the parents of seven children: Belle M., who became the wife of S. H. Dunlap by whom she has two children; Josephine A., who married James Whittaker, and after his death was united in marriage with L. Annis, of Minneapolis, by whom she has three children; Harriet M., who became the wife of Irving Wright by whom she has four children; Fred W.; Lulu G., who married Ed Crosby, and is the mother of two children; Ina G., who became the wife of J. F. Kellogg by whom she has five children; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Smith received his early education in the district schools of Lamartine township and with the intention of becoming a teacher entered the Oshkosh State Normal School and took a course in that institution. He taught in the Wisconsin schools for fifteen years and his record in this capacity was marked by intelligent efficiency and a wide degree of general culture. He began his agricultural life in 1893 in which year he bought his present farm on section 26 and has been successful in its development and improvement since that time. He is well versed in all the details of general farming and is interested in the most approved methods of drainage and crop rotation. He gives some attention to the raising of stock and keeps constantly six head of cattle and three horses. He is one of the representative farmers of the district, and by reason of his activity along progressive lines of expansion has made his holdings productive to their utmost capacity. The most important interest aside from his farm pursuits is his identification with local politics. He is a republican and a stanch supporter of the principles of that party. For ten years he was clerk of Lamartine township and during eight years' service as road superintendent he brought about many needed improvements in country districts. He was treasurer of the school board for six years and justice of the peace for ten years. He is now and has been for the past twelve years a notary public in Lamartine township. His public life has been distinguished by remarkable efficiency and a thorough grasp of local conditions. His long service in various capacities has made him known as an official whose honor could never be questioned and whose energies were always given to worthy causes. He be-

longs to the Methodist Episcopal church and his fraternal relations are limited to the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Smith is well known in Lamartine township of which section he is a native son. His childhood was passed here and his active career has been devoted to the promotion of its agricultural resources. During this time his genuine worth, his high principles and his progressive ideas have commended him to the respect and esteem of his neighbors, all of whom are his stanch friends.

ANTON EDWARD LEONARD.

Anton E. Leonard stands today as a representative of all that is progressive, efficient and systematic in modern agriculture. His farm of three hundred acres in Forest township is intelligently managed, thoroughly equipped with modern machinery and operated along the most up-to-date lines of expansion, his methods having won their natural success. He is justly entitled to the prosperity which has come to him and has taken his place among the men who are raising the standards of agriculture in Wisconsin. Mr. Leonard was born February 8, 1860, upon his father's farm, and is the son of Anton and Rosa (Shenkel) Leonard, natives of Germany. The father remained in that country until he was thirty years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in Pennsylvania. Here his marriage occurred, his wife having come to the United States at an early date from Germany, where she was born August 8, 1835. In the early '50s the father of our subject came to Forest township, Fond du Lac county, and was among the first settlers in that region. He joined his uncle, L. D. Leonard, and worked in the latter's sawmill on the Sheboygan river for a few years. At the end of that time he purchased eighty acres of timber land unimproved and undeveloped. He cultivated it along intelligent and systematic lines, adding to his holdings at various periods, and had one of the finest tracts of land in the county when he died in 1896, at the age of seventy-one years. Previous to his death he had made his home in Forest and lived retired for a short time. His wife still survives him and is residing with her son Alexander upon the home farm, being now in the seventy-eighth year of her age. She and her husband became the parents of eleven children, of whom Victoria passed away at the age of one and one-half years. Those who survive are Rosa, Anton, Dena, Lena, Sophia, Theresa, Christina, Alexander, Charles and Annie.

Anton E. Leonard spent his childhood and early youth upon his father's farm, with the exception of two winters, during which he worked in the northern Wisconsin pine woods. At the age of twenty-six he began independent farming, purchasing forty acres on the section where he now resides, this tract forming a part of his present farm. From the time he acquired his first land Mr. Leonard has pursued a policy of expansion and progress. He has built a fine residence, barn, outbuildings and granaries, has added to his holdings from time to time, has studied the newest and best agricultural methods and has built a substantial success upon detailed efficiency. In 1886 he erected a fine modern house upon his land, installing in it all possible comforts and conveniences, and in this he now makes his home. In the same year he built a barn thirty-four feet long by fifty feet wide but this has now given place to three larger and more commodious structures, one seventy-eight by thirty-six feet, another seventy-two by thirty-four feet and another eighty-two by thirty-six feet. These buildings have been erected to stable a fine herd of Percheron horses, of the breeding of which Mr. Leonard makes a specialty. He also raises high-grade Durham cattle, selling his animals in the Wisconsin markets.

He owns three hundred acres of the finest and best improved land in Fond du Lac county and is in all things progressive, upright and representative of the most modern ideas and standards.

Mr. Leonard has been twice married. In 1886 he wedded Miss Gertrude Fox, a daughter of Peter Fox, and they became the parents of four children, Edward, Rose, Clara and Frederick. The mother of these children died in November, 1894, and three years later Mr. Leonard was again married. His second union was with Miss Barbara Meyer, a daughter of Joseph Meyer, and they have a daughter, Barbara.

In his political belief Mr. Leonard is a consistent republican and never seeks to evade the obligations of his citizenship. He served with ability and efficiency for three years as township assessor and for fifteen years was clerk of the school board. In 1896 he was elected clerk of the circuit court and held this position until 1900. He is now serving as jury commissioner. He brings to the more public aspects of his life the same conscientiousness, high moral standards and progressive ideas which have marked his agricultural pursuits and has gained success as a public official because he has done useful and valuable work in a modern way. The success which he enjoys is the natural result of his efficiency and his long-continued and well directed activity, aided by personal experience in the details of farming and stock-raising and supplemented by business sagacity and integrity of a high order. His career has been a distinct influence in the gradual advancement which is making agriculture every day more progressive and scientific.

FRANK E. LALLIER.

Frank E. Lallier is one of the proprietors of the French Gardens of Fond du Lac, where he has spent all the years of his life, having devoted his entire time and attention after completing his education to the business in which he is now engaged. He was born in Fond du Lac, October 13, 1861, and is the son of Leon J. and Charlotte (Cholet) Lallier. The father is a native of France, his birth having occurred in 1834. In 1851 he emigrated to America and established his home in Fond du Lac, where he purchased ten acres of desirable land suitable for truck gardening and at once engaged in its cultivation, making a specialty of all kinds of garden truck. He was successful in his business but removed with his family in 1884, to Denison, Texas, leaving his sons, Frank E. and Leon in charge of the undertaking, which they acquired on his departure. He now owns and cultivates one hundred and forty acres in Texas. He wedded Miss Charlotte Cholet, a native of New York state, in 1861, and to them nine children were born, one of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Frank E., the subject of this review; Louis, a railroad man of Denison, Texas, and a widower with a family of four children, Ralph, Ethlyn, Lois and Charlotte; Leonie M., who married B. S. Clark, a railroad man of Denison, Texas, by whom she has five children, Gladys, Leon, Frank, Kenneth and Esther; Leon, of Fond du Lac, who married Maude Annas, of De Pere, by whom he has two children, Kenneth and Eugene; Charles, of Milwaukee, who married Lulu Woodward, of Denison, Texas, by whom he has three children, Wesley, Paul and Halycon; Esther, who is the wife of Charles Wynne, a traveling auditor of Fort Worth, Texas; Herbert, who married a Miss Pearl Horton, of Quano, Texas, and is now engaged as a civil engineer in Denver, Colorado; and René, who resides with Herbert in Denver.

Frank E. Lallier was reared in his father's home and educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac, where he completed his high-school course at the age of fourteen. He immediately thereafter became identified with his father

in the cultivation of the truck farm and has since continued to devote his attention to that business. He and his brother Leon are now joint owners of eighty-six and one-half acres of rich truck garden land which nets them a gratifying income.

Frank E. Lallier is loyal to the democratic party but has never sought political preferment of any kind. Fraternally he is a member of the Equitable Fraternal Union of Fond du Lac. He is known throughout the city and county of Fond du Lac as one of the most industrious and successful agriculturists in the county. His entire life has been devoted to the business in which he is now engaged and in that business he and his brother Leon have been successful. The French Gardens have a reputation which extends far beyond the limits of Fond du Lac and in every place where they are known the name of Lallier is a guarantee to the public that courteous treatment and honorable business methods are assured in all business transactions.

GUDEX BROTHERS.

The five Gudex brothers are not only connected through the ties of blood but also in their business relations as representatives of agricultural interests in Fond du Lac county. They are partners in the ownership and conduct of the old homestead farm, which they purchased from their father. These brothers are Leonard L., John A., Samuel S., George W. and William J. B. Gudex, all of whom were born and reared in the town of Eden, where they still reside. The daughters in the family are Anna M., Charlotte E., Jemima M. and Hazel R. Their grandfather, Leonard Gudex, came to America from Germany in 1848 and after living in the state of New York for about two years came to Wisconsin, settling in the town of Eden, Fond du Lac county, where he endured the hardships of early pioneer life. His family consisted of his wife, Mrs. Anna Gudex, and one son, John L. Gudex, who was born on the old homestead farm in 1857. The death of Leonard Gudex occurred on the 30th of March, 1882, while his wife, surviving him for a decade, passed away on the 21st of April, 1892.

John L. Gudex was reared on the home farm and pursued his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He was trained for the agricultural vocation and as the years went by he adopted modern processes to further promote the work of the farm and render it a productive tract. On the 19th of February, 1882, he married Miss Martha Hutchins, of the town of Auburn, and they became the parents of eleven sons and five daughters, of whom nine are yet living. The father, John L. Gudex, has been a prominent figure in local political circles and has twice been nominated by the democratic party for the office of assembly man. He was made his party's candidate in 1906 and again in 1908, receiving the largest vote of any candidate for the office up to that time. John L. Gudex was elected justice of the peace in 1882 and served as such officer up to 1903. He is regarded as one of the most representative and exemplary citizens of this section, always active in any pursuits which promise to promote the progress, prosperity and welfare of the district. His worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged and has gained for him the high regard and good-will of all with whom he has come in contact.

The five Gudex brothers since taking charge of the home farm have made substantial improvements upon the place and have added greatly to the value of the property through the introduction of modern equipments and up-to-date methods. They raise the grains best adapted to soil and climate and they utilize the latest improved machinery in caring for their crops. Their ambition and energy are usually rewarded by fine harvests and their prosperity is



JOHN L. GUDEx

increasing annually. None of the brothers are married. They give allegiance to the Reformed party but they do not seek public office, preferring to devote their entire time and attention to their agricultural interests. The harmony of their relations is a large factor in their success. They are enterprising, alert and thoroughly progressive and upon these qualities they have builded a substantial success, combining practical experience in farm work with business sagacity of a high order.

JACOB L. FISHER.

Jacob L. Fisher is one of the enterprising and representative merchants of Lamartine township, Fond du Lac county. In his career he has been engaged in various lines of activity and was identified with farming and industrial pursuits for many years. His interests are now extensive and well controlled and he owes his prosperity to his sound principles of commercial integrity and energy. He was born in Alto township, March 20, 1866, and is the son of Paul and Sophie (Moerke) Fisher, natives of Germany. The father came to Wisconsin in June, 1852, and settled on a sixty-two acre farm in Alto township, where he was successful as an agriculturist for twelve years. After his marriage he removed to Springvale township and continued his farming operations, cultivating eighty acres of fertile and productive land. He died June 11, 1893. In his family were thirteen children: Peter, who passed away February 19, 1910; August, deceased; May, whose death occurred December 25, 1881; John, residing in Lamartine, who married Louisa Fisher, by whom he has one child; Jacob L., of this review; Rose, who is the wife of G. W. Fisher, of Lamartine, and the mother of six children; Joseph, who married Miss Lina Smith and has four children; Paul, who married Miss Tina Morris and was a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska, but is now deceased; Katie, now Mrs. John McMann, of Lamartine; Anna, who is the wife of Charles McGregor, a farmer in Lamartine township; Lina, who is now a Franciscan nun at Appleton, Wisconsin; and two children who died in infancy.

Jacob L. Fisher was educated in the public schools of Rosendale. He followed the usual course of study until he was fourteen years of age and at that time laid aside his books. He assisted in the work of the home farm for four years but when he was eighteen he gave up agriculture in favor of the railroad business. He was active in this line and in mill work until he was twenty-seven years of age and gained a familiarity at this time with the methods of the modern business world. He later resumed farming and was prosperous and successful as an agriculturist for four years. At the end of that time he bought a general store at Woodhull, in the township of Lamartine, which he has since conducted. His store has increased in patronage and become more widely known with every year of its existence. He developed his business along progressive lines of expansion and his life has been marked by steady advance and continued prosperity. Besides his connection with the general store at Woodhull Mr. Fisher is the proprietor of the Woodhull cheese factory and this concern forms an important factor in his commercial career. It is one of the largest institutions of its kind in Lamartine township and is equipped with facilities for making seven thousand pounds of cheese per day. An enterprise of this kind requires for its upbuilding and development efficient and capable direction and constant supervision. Mr. Fisher has managed his cheese factory in a systematic and modern way and has brought it to a gratifying degree of prosperity during the years of his connection with it. His two concerns in Woodhull are valued additions to the municipal progress and have been distinct forces in the upbuilding and development of the city. Mr. Fisher

is also the owner of thirty-nine acres of land in Lamartine township and is interested in Woodhull city property. He maintains his residence in that community and is well known as a liberal and enterprising citizen.

May 12, 1896, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stratz, a daughter of Martin and Mary Stratz, of the village of Woodhull, Lamartine township. The father is one of the pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county and his history has been intimately connected with the upbuilding and growth of the section. He is one of the most widely popular citizens in Woodhull and after a career filled with many hardships and difficulties he has attained a prominent place among his fellowmen.

Mr. Fisher gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and keeps himself well informed on national and local issues. He has never sought office, his attention being entirely absorbed in the arduous labors connected with the development and upbuilding of his two commercial enterprises. He belongs to the Catholic church and is a devout adherent of its doctrines. In a life almost entirely devoted to business affairs Mr. Fisher has always been distinguished by integrity and well directed energy and his prosperity is increasing year by year.

THEODORE E. MENGE.

Theodore E. Menge is one of the prosperous business men of Fond du Lac where he is successfully engaged in the wholesale liquor business in partnership with Mr. Kummerow. He is a native of Germany and was born May 13, 1858, and is a son of Edward and Caroline (Von Kommorowski) Menge, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born December 6, 1816, and followed for a livelihood the business of a carpenter and contractor. He died on the 13th of March, 1886, in his native land. The mother was born November 2, 1815, and to them seven children were born. Mary is the wife of Charles Olm, a native of Germany, now residing in Fond du Lac. Mr. Olm is a machinist by trade and the father of five children: Helen, Max, Oscar, Carl and Paul. Anastasia married Ernest Glascka, a molder of Posen, Germany, and they have four children: Anna, Max, Martha and Helen. Alfonzo died by accident, May 11, 1863. Anna is the wife of John Lewalski, a blacksmith of Germany, and they are the parents of five children: Tadeus, Anton, John and two not named. Paulina married Unufrey Ucklejewski, who follows the occupation of a chef in Germany, and they have three children: Valerian, Stephen and Tadeus. Clementina is the wife of Albert Noskiewisz, a locomotive engineer of Germany, and the father of one child who died in infancy. Theodore is the subject of this review.

Theodore Menge was reared at home and received his elementary education in the German schools. After passing through the lower grades he was graduated from a grammar school at the age of fifteen years. Immediately after his graduation he engaged as an apprenticed stone mason and continued in the pursuit of that craft for a period of six years, after which he emigrated to America and located in Fond du Lac on the 27th day of September, 1880. He at once secured work in one of the lumber mills of that city and continued to devote himself to that employment for five successive years and then was employed for five years in the Rueping tannery. On retiring from work in the tannery he was employed in a wholesale liquor store from 1890 until 1903. He then formed a copartnership with Mr. Kummerow and opened a wholesale liquor business to which he has since devoted his entire attention and has been very successful. He is also very extensively interested in Fond du Lac real estate, being the owner of the property at No. 389 East First street and at No.

271 Linden street. He also owns his residence property located at No. 381 East First street, and is a part owner of the business block at No. 89 South Main street.

Mr. Menge was united in wedlock to Miss Josephine Wuertzburger of Fond du Lac, on August 14, 1881, and to them three children have been born, Edward, Leo and Joseph. He is a member of St. Joseph's Society, of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, and of the Business Men's Association of Fond du Lac.

Theodore Menge is one of the successful and progressive men of Fond du Lac. He is a man of strict integrity in all his business transactions and is vitally interested in every movement having for its purpose the advancement and welfare of the people of Fond du Lac

WILFRED A. SANBORN.

Wilfred A. Sanborn is the well known editor of the Waupun Leader, of Waupun, Wisconsin, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Sanborn. His father was a native of Vermont and settled in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, in 1838. He was from early life engaged in newspaper work, and upon taking up his home in Wisconsin he became the owner and editor of the Jefferson Banner, which he successfully conducted for some time, and later was the founder of the first newspaper published in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Wilfred A. Sanborn was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Jefferson county. He was reared in Jefferson and worked in a printing office where he learned the printer's trade, at which he worked in Jefferson until 1886. He was then identified with the Juneau Telephone, at Juneau, Wisconsin, for fifteen continuous years. In the fall of 1901 he purchased a half interest in the Democrat at Waupun, and to the interests of that paper he gave his attention for the seven succeeding years. He then sold his interest in that paper and purchased the Waupun Leader, to which he has since devoted his attention. The Waupun Leader was established by M. C. Short and J. W. Oliver in the month of August, 1866, and was continued under their management until 1872, at which time Mr. Short sold his interest to R. H. Oliver. R. H. and J. W. Oliver as the Oliver Brothers continued the publication of the paper until 1901, at which time occurred the death of J. W. Oliver. R. H. Oliver, after the death of his brother, continued the publication of the paper until 1908, when he sold his entire interest to Mr. Sanborn. The Waupun Leader is well known throughout central eastern Wisconsin as one of the most up-to-date and best edited papers of its kind in the central northwest, and under the management of Mr. Sanborn it has not only retained the popularity it enjoyed under the efficient management of Oliver Brothers but has enlarged and extended the scope of its influence until public opinion places it among the most influential of the independent newspapers published in Wisconsin.

Not a little of the success and popularity attained by the Waupun Leader is due to the efficient service of Miss Mary L. C. Stemler, who has been on the Leader's staff as reporter, writer and typesetter since October 11, 1866, and to her belongs the distinction of maintaining the longest unbroken period of service in newspaper work of any woman in the state of Wisconsin.

Mr. Sanborn was united in marriage in October, 1892, to Miss Lorena Pettibone, a daughter of Charles A. and Emily (Brown) Pettibone, of Juneau, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn are the parents of three children. Mrs. Sanborn is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Sanborn is independent in politics and his fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias

and also with the Woodmen of Juneau. He is one of the best and most favorably known citizens of his portion of the state. As the editor of one of the popular, high-grade newspapers of Wisconsin he exercises his influence for good throughout the entire commonwealth and is a man who always opens the columns of his paper for the advancement of any public measure in any way intended to improve the condition of the people in his county and state.

WALLACE P. SMITH, M. D.

Dr. Wallace P. Smith is a native son of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Fond du Lac county, February 26, 1868. He is a graduate of the medical department of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, where he received his degree of M. D., and shortly after located in Waupun, Wisconsin, where he has been engaged since 1893 in the successful practice of his profession. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith. The father, a native of England, was born in London, October 15, 1836, and at the age of thirteen came to America with his parents, who settled in Fond du Lac. The paternal grandfather, James Smith, emigrated to America in 1849, settling in Fond du Lac, where he engaged in farming. He was the first man to raise celery in Fond du Lac county. At the time he established his home in this county there were but few settlers and all the buildings in the town were made of logs, taken from the native forests. The maternal grandmother was Sophia Perry who was a first cousin of Commodore Perry. The grandparents witnessed the battle of Sacket's Harbor, and for a short time they were engaged in the conduct of a hotel at Oswego, New York. They resided in Fond du Lac until the death of William Smith, which occurred in 1885. The father of our subject, William Smith, worked at home on the farm and taught school in early life. At the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted in the Third Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, following his command for a period of three years, after which he was honorably discharged and returned to his home in Fond du Lac. To Mr. and Mrs. William Smith nine children were born: Ada, now Mrs. Worthing; Wallace P. of this review; Florence and Bell, both deceased; Irving, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits; William, operating a farm at Byron; Mary, who is following the profession of teaching; Nellie, at home; and Dr. H. J. Smith of Rock Island. Mr. Smith was affiliated with the republican party and was a member of the Masonic lodge. He and his wife were members of the Episcopal church.

Dr. Wallace P. Smith was reared in his father's home and received his elementary education in the public schools of Fond du Lac. He later pursued his medical studies at the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, and after completing the required course was graduated from that institution with the degree of M. D. Following his graduation he located in Waupun in 1893, where he has since successfully engaged in the general practice of medicine.

Dr. Smith was united in marriage at Oakfield, September 13, 1892, to Miss Gertrude M. Price, who was born in England, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Price, both of whom were natives of that country. Her father died in that country many years ago while her mother is still living and maintains her home at Chepstow, England. To Dr. and Mrs. Smith two children have been born: Vern, who was born March 31, 1894, a graduate of the Waupun high school and now a student at Chicago University; and Edith, whose birth occurred April 28, 1896, and is a student in the high school of Waupun.

Dr. Smith is affiliated with the republican party and has been a member of the Masonic lodge for the past twenty-three years. He and his family are members of the Episcopal church of Waupun. Dr. Smith is one of the well

known and successful physicians of Fond du Lac county, and a man who is always to be relied upon to give his influence for the advancement of any measure of public interest seeking the improvement and progress of his state and county.

OSCAR HANISCH.

Oscar Hanisch is one of the respected and influential business men of Waupun, where he is engaged in the general banking business, having been for some time assistant cashier of the State Bank of this city. He was born in Waupun, May 13, 1858, and is a son of Charles and Wilhelmina (Schumann) Hanisch, both of whom were natives of Saxony, Germany, where they celebrated their marriage and later emigrated to the United States in 1844, settling first in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They later established their home in Waupun, where the father was for many years engaged in the pursuit of his trade as a stone and brick mason. He later built the hotel known as the Gast House, and subsequently changed the name to that of the Railroad House, which he continued to conduct until the time of his death, which occurred December 7, 1876. The mother died November 30, 1888. Mr. Hanisch was a loyal member of the democratic party and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. They became the parents of five children: Charles, of Waupun; Oscar, of this review; William, of Waupun; and Annie, and Arthur both deceased.

Oscar Hanisch was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Waupun. At the time of his father's death he took charge of the hotel which belonged to his father's estate and later changed the name from the Railroad House to that of the Commercial House, which he continued to manage until the property was sold in July, 1904. He then accepted the position of assistant cashier of the State Bank of Waupun, and has since given his entire attention to the interests of that business.

Mr. Hanisch was united in marriage September 22, 1887, to Miss Emma Zimmermann, a daughter of Frederick Ferdinand and Ernestine (Geidel) Zimmermann, a more extended sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Hanisch became the parents of four children: Clara, who died at the age of four years; Arthur, a student in the high school; Harold and Melita, both of whom are pupils in the public school. Mr. Hanisch is a democrat and is a candidate on the democratic ticket for assemblyman of his district. He has served as alderman of his ward and has been city treasurer for the past twenty years. He is interested in music and is at present a member of the Prison City Band, of which he was at one time director. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and Mrs. Hanisch holds membership in the Episcopal church. Mr. Hanisch is one of the valued citizens of Fond du Lac county and one of the best known and most successful men in his portion of the state.

JOHN NELSON.

John Nelson, who is living retired in Lamartine township, was for many years successfully identified with the agricultural development of Fond du Lac county. He is a native of Denmark, his birth having occurred near Copenhagen on the 22d of January, 1854, and a son of Nels and Ellen B. Anderson. The parents, who were farming people, passed their entire lives in Denmark, where the father, having been born in 1808, attained the venerable age of

eighty-two years. Four children were born to this worthy couple: Hannah, Anna, Andrew and John.

The first fourteen years of his life John Nelson passed at home with his parents, his boyhood being similar to that of other youths in the same surroundings. The means of the family were limited and he early began assisting with the work of the fields and care of the crops, and upon starting out to make his own way in the world worked out for four years as a farm hand in Denmark. At the expiration of that period he resolved to come to the United State, where many of his fellow countrymen, of whom he knew, were meeting with excellent success. He came direct to Fond du Lac county, and soon after his arrival obtained employment on a farm. Five years later he went to Polk county, where he continued to work out as a farm hand. He was diligent and thrifty and in 1883 returned to Fond du Lac county and invested his savings in forty acres of land in Lamartine township. As he is a practical man and directed his undertakings with foresight and intelligence he prospered, gradually accumulating a competence that warranted his retirement. He withdrew from active work in 1911, but still resides in the country. His homestead comprises forty acres of well improved and cultivated land, and he also owns ten head of cattle and a horse.

At Lamartine on the 21st of November, 1876, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rousch, a daughter of Mathias and Kathryn (Theelan) Rousch, for many years residents of Milwaukee, where Mrs. Nelson was born. The parents were natives of Prussia, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1852. They are now both deceased, the mother having passed away in 1900, and the father in 1905. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. Kathryn, who is the eldest, married Denite Trescott, a railroad conductor, by whom she has had two children, Harold and Mary, and now resides in Highwood, Illinois. Anna became the wife of James Bucy, a native of Indiana, who is engaged in farming in Lamartine. John, Jr., who is also farming in this township, married Gertrude Byer and they have two children, Leo and Alvina, Mathias, who is a farmer of Lamartine township, married Tillie Fisher and they have one daughter, Luella. Andrew, the youngest son and seventh in order of birth, married Viola Fisher and is living on a farm in this township. There are four other daughters, Ellen and Mary, the fifth and sixth in order of birth, and Helen and Susie, who are the two youngest members of the family.

Mr. Nelson belongs to the Lutheran church and his wife is a Catholic, the children having been reared in that faith. Politically Mr. Nelson endorses the republican party and served for six years as road supervisor in Lamartine township, while for one term, while residing in Polk county, he was chairman of the township board. Although Mr. Nelson endured the usual hardships and privations experienced by all who strive to establish themselves in an alien land during the early period of his residence in this country, he has not regretted that he came to America, as he has here found the opportunities he sought.

SHERMAN W. PEEBLES.

Sherman W. Peebles has long been actively identified with the agricultural and dairying interests of Taycheedah township, where he owns a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He was born in this township, August 30, 1864, and is a representative of one of the well known pioneer families, the town of Peebles having been named for his father, who was one of the most extensive landowners in this section of the county at that time. Mr. Peebles has three brothers: Sanford, John and Oscar, who are also residing in this vicinity.

There was nothing in the early life of Sherman W. Peebles to distinguish it from that of the average youth who was reared in the rural sections of Fond du Lac county at that period. He attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education, and while engaged in the mastery of the common branches began qualifying himself for the duties and responsibilities of an agriculturist by assisting his father in the cultivation of the home farm. At the age of seventeen years he learned the cheese-maker's trade and was identified with the factory of his father for thirteen years. He now owns a well improved and equipped farm, comprising a hundred and twenty acres, which is largely planted to such cereals as are best adapted to the feeding of stock, as he makes a specialty of dairying. In connection with his agricultural pursuits, Mr. Peebles has for the past eight years been in the rural mail service at Taycheedah. He is one of the well known and highly regarded citizens of his community in the progress and development of which his family has actively cooperated for more than half a century.

For his wife and helpmate Mr. Peebles chose Miss Ada L. Sweet, a daughter of B. F. Sweet, who is engaged in the wagon business in Fond du Lac. Four children were born to them: Mary, who is twenty-three years of age; Ada, who has passed the twenty-first anniversary of her birth; Margaret, who is nineteen; and Herbert, who has entered upon his sixteenth year. The wife and mother is now deceased, her death having occurred in 1905.

In his political views Mr. Peebles is a republican, giving his stanch support to the men and measures of that party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and belongs to the Equitable Fraternal Union. He has never figured conspicuously in local affairs, although he is not remiss in the duties of citizenship, but gives his support to movements which will promote the welfare of the community.

CASPER P. AMRHEIN.

Casper P. Amrhein is successfully identified with the general farming interests of Lamartine township, where he owns eighty acres of well improved and cultivated land. He is a native of Michigan, his birth having occurred on the shore of Lake Superior on the 30th of March, 1866. His father, Conrad Amrhein, was born in Germany in 1839, and there passed the first twenty years of his life. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits until 1902, when he withdrew from active work and has since lived retired. The mother, whose maiden name was Mary Stuck, came to Wisconsin when she was eighteen years of age and here passed the remainder of her life, her death occurring in 1911, at the age of seventy-two years. Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of seven. Amelia, who is the eldest of the family, married Herman Toll, a farmer of Lomira township, Dodge county, by whom she has had three children. Minnie is the wife of John Pfeiffer, a farmer of Lamartine township, and the mother of three children. Anna married Charles Krueger, a farmer of Eldorado, this county, and they have two children; May became the wife of Frank Benecke, who is farming in Lomira township, Dodge county, and they have two children; Charles married Minnie Marshall of Chicago; Bertha is the wife of Charles Marshall, a cheese-maker, by whom she has had one child.

Casper P. Amrhein was reared in Dodge county, acquiring his education in the district schools of Lomira township, which he attended until he was fourteen years of age. In common with the majority of youths who are reared in the country he early began assisting with the work of the fields and care of the stock, and after leaving school devoted his entire attention to the operation of

the home farm until he was eighteen. He then left the parental roof and started out to make his own way in the world and for nine years thereafter worked out by the month. At the expiration of that period he began farming for himself as a renter, continuing to cultivate leased land until 1901, when he bought the place he now owns. It is comprised of eighty acres of substantially improved and cultivated land, which he is devoting to diversified farming and stock-raising. He owns fifteen head of cattle and four horses and is numbered among the prosperous citizens of his community.

On the 19th of November, 1894, Mr. Amrhein was married to Miss Anna Benecke, a daughter of Gottfried Benecke, a well-to-do farmer of Lomira township, Dodge county. The parents were both natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in early life, locating in Fond du Lac county during the pioneer days. To Mr. and Mrs. Amrhein have been born two children, Olga and Clarence.

Mr. and Mrs. Amrhein are members of the Lutheran church, in the faith of which denomination they are rearing their family. He votes the republican ticket. He is leading a life of intelligently and capably directed activity as is substantially evidenced by the appearance of his farm and the condition of his stock, and is meeting with a corresponding degree of success in the development of his undertaking.

REV. SYLVESTER J. DOWLING.

Rev. Father Dowling has the distinction of being the first Catholic priest to receive the appointment as chaplain of the State Penitentiary at Waupun, and is perhaps the first priest ever appointed in this country having full charge in one of the state penal institutions. He is also the pastor of St. Joseph's church and as one of the popular lecturers employed by the standard lecture bureaus has traveled extensively throughout the entire country. He was born in Racine, Wisconsin in 1874, and is a son of Sylvester and Miria (Hughes) Dowling, both of whom were natives of Killarney, Ireland. The father emigrated to America with his parents in his childhood and with them settled in the city of Racine, where he later became the superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul car shops. He and his family were always active members of the Catholic church.

Father Sylvester Dowling was reared in his parents' home and received his elementary education in the public schools and also in the parochial schools of Racine, and in 1891-92 was a student in the State University at Madison, after which he entered the St. Francis Seminary, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. Immediately following his graduation he accepted the pastorate of the church at Whitewater, Wisconsin, where he remained for one year and was then transferred to St. Patrick's church, Milwaukee, as assistant pastor, remaining there for one year, after which he accepted a pastorate in Argyle, and later was pastor of the church at Adams, Wisconsin, for a period of six and one half years. While serving in the pastorate of the two churches last named he was successful in building a church and parsonage at each place and served as pastor at those points with great acceptability to his parishioners. At the close of his pastorate at Adams he removed to Fort Atkinson, where he served the church for one year and then took up his work as pastor of St. Joseph's church of Waupun in 1905. In that year he received the appointment of chaplain at the State Penitentiary at Waupun, which office he has since continued to hold with entire satisfaction to the state officials having control of that institution. St. Joseph's church of Waupun, of which he is the pastor, is one of the oldest congregations in the state of Wisconsin, and under the watchful

care and efficient service of its popular pastor, is numbered among the devout congregations of the old mother church. Since Father Dowling's incumbency he has built a new church and parish house at a cost of \$31,000. While not large edifices, they are exceedingly fine from an architectural point.

In addition to his many cares and responsibilities in the important fields of service with which he is identified as above recited, Father Dowling is also a widely-known and popular lecturer, having been connected with the leading lecture bureaus of this country, such as Ridpath, Morgan, Staton, and others of equal reputation. As a lecturer he has been before the public for the past eleven years, and his lectures on Realized Ideals, Christian Teacher, Crime and Criminology, My Country 'Tis of Thee, The Dawn of Hope, The Unit of the Nation, Twilight and others have been received by the critical public with unstinted praise for their high moral tone, evident scholarship and practical value.

Father Sylvester Dowling is respected and beloved by all his friends and associates, and while never lowering or compromising the standard of his faith and the usage of his church, he is nevertheless equally popular among both the Catholic and Protestant people in the community in which he lives. He is now in the prime of his manhood with many useful years before him in which to enrich the people of the state with the moral and intellectual influence and help of a cultured Christian priest.

SIDNEY E. McCUMBER.

Sidney E. McCumber, who for twelve years has been postmaster at Lamartine, where he also engages in the general mercantile business and is identified with various other local interests, is numbered among the foremost citizens of the township. He was born in Springvale township on the 6th of November, 1863, and is descended from one of the pioneer families, his people having located here nearly sixty years ago. His father, William McCumber, was born in the state of New York, his natal year being 1828. He came to Wisconsin in 1853, locating in Springvale township, where he purchased some land, in the cultivation of which he successfully engaged during the remainder of his active life. He passed away in 1902, at the age of seventy-five years. The mother, whose maiden name was Mary Jane O'Neal was likewise a native of the Empire state. Their family numbered three children, of whom our subject is the youngest. Emoroy, their only daughter and eldest child, married A. C. Perry, a retired farmer of Lamartine township, now residing in Rosendale. To them was born one child, Elmer, who married Gertrude Shurett of El Dorado and has four children. Charles, the second member of the family, married Mertie Moore of Springvale, and they have three children: Beatrice, Perry and Mildred. He is engaged in the general mercantile business at Rosendale.

Reared on a farm, the education of Sidney E. McCumber was begun in the district schools of Rosendale township, and completed in the Fond du Lac business college, which he attended for one term. In common with the majority of boys who reside in the country he was early trained in the tilling of the fields and care of the crops, and after leaving school assisted his father with the work of the farm for seven years. Having decided that he preferred a commercial to an agricultural career, he later turned his attention to mercantile pursuits and in 1891 bought a general store at Lamartine, better known as Seven Mile Creek. His choice of a vocation has proven to be most fortunate, as he has prospered and he is regarded as one of the foremost business men of the township. He carries a large assortment of merchandise, carefully selected to meet the various needs and circumstances of his patrons, and as he is gracious and accommodating and offers his wares at reasonable prices, he is accorded a grati-

lying patronage. Mr. McCumber is an enterprising man and takes an interest in promoting the development of various local activities. He is the president of the Lamartine Creamery Company and a director of the Oakfield Telephone Company and of the Minnehaha Oil Company of Oklahoma, all of which are yielding good dividends.

At El Dorado, this state, on the 26th of October, 1887, Mr. McCumber was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Nash, a daughter of Lyman and Mary (Moore) Nash. The parents located in Fond du Lac county about 1850, and here for many years the father engaged in farming. He passed away in 1904 at the age of seventy-six years, being survived by the mother who had passed the seventy-second anniversary of her birth when she died in 1907. To them were born two children, one of whom is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McCumber have become the parents of two sons, Earl and Bertie.

The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally Mr. McCumber is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is a past grand master of the Odd Fellows lodge, from which office he resigned when he removed to Lamartine, as he was unable to attend the meetings. Politically he supports the republican ticket, but although he takes an active and helpful interest in all local affairs, he has never held any public office save that of postmaster, and chairman of the township board for six years. Mr. McCumber is a capable business man of unremitting energy, to whose integrity and upright principles as well as his sagacity and sound judgment must be attributed his success.

WILLIAM H. PREHN.

William H. Prehn, who is living retired in Taycheedah township, was for many years identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of this section of Wisconsin, and as he was prosperous in his undertakings is now able to spend his latter years in well earned rest. He is a native of Germany, his birth occurring in 1838, a son of Joseph and Friedericka (Berg) Prehn.

The first twenty-eight years in the life of William H. Prehn were passed in the land of his nativity, whence he emigrated to the United States in 1866. He came direct to Wisconsin, first locating at Waupun, where he remained a month. From there he went to Fond du Lac, and after a five years' residence there removed to Dodge county, where he built a gristmill, which he operated for three years. Disposing of this industry at the expiration of that period he settled in El Dorado, but six months later he purchased the place where he is now living and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He located here in 1874, but subsequently disposed of the property, which he bought back in 1900. After a brief residence he removed to New Cassel, where he remained for almost five years, going from there to Rush Lake, Wisconsin, where he bought a farm of five hundred acres. He later sold this place together with stock and machinery to Charles Bowman for twenty-five thousand dollars. His next business venture was at Omro, where he bought a coalyard, store and lumberyard and built a gristmill and conducted a hardware store. He has since disposed of all of his interests there with the exception of the hardware store, which he still owns, but he makes his home on his farm. His holdings here only comprise sixteen acres, the cultivation of which he leaves to younger hands as he is now in his seventy-fifth year, and by reason of his well spent life has a competence that more than meets the needs of himself and family. He owns a hundred and twenty acres of land at New Cassel, this state, and also a gristmill, and a farm in Nebraska, which comprises about five hundred acres, and also a coal elevator at Campbellsport.

Mr. Prehn has been twice married, his first union having been with Miss Caroline Clifford, who passed away in 1882. For his second wife he chose Miss Mary Tilka, and to them were born seven children, five sons and two daughters.

The family are members of the German Lutheran church, and his political support Mr. Prehn gives to the republican party. He has always taken an active interest in local affairs, and at one time discharged the duties of justice of the peace, while for more than twenty years he was a school director. He is a man of more than average business sagacity, diligence and enterprise, whose well directed activities place him among the prosperous citizens of the community.

WILLIAM B. FRANK.

Diversified farming, stock-raising and dairying engage the energies of William B. Frank, who owns and cultivates eighty acres of well improved land in Lamartine township, where he was born on the 26th of August, 1866. His father, John D. Frank, was born in Germany in 1829, and there he passed his boyhood and early youth. At the age of fifteen years he emigrated to the United States landing in New York city, where he made his home for two years. Subsequently he enlisted in the First United States Cavalry, holding the rank of private until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he was made captain of Company A, Battery G, Light Artillery and went to the front, where he remained for three years. In 1864, he came to Wisconsin, purchasing fifty acres of land in Lamartine township, in the further improvement and cultivation of which he engaged during the remainder of his active life. He passed away on the 22d of September, 1909, at the venerable age of eighty years. The mother, whose maiden name was Amelia Betz, was a native of Baltimore, Maryland. She was seventy-four at the time of her death, which occurred on May 22, 1910. To them were born the following children: Elizabeth, the deceased wife of George Roberts, a farmer of Forestville; John, a clerk, who married Jennie Mereton, of Algoma, and has become the father of four children; Emma, the wife of J. B. Doolan, a retired farmer of Oak Center; William B., our subject; Edward, a farmer, who married Edna Foster of Silver Lake and has two children; Harry, proprietor of a creamery at Neenah, this state, who married Martha Larson and has two children; Fred, who died at the age of fifteen years; and an infant who died two days after birth.

The boyhood and youth of William B. Frank were passed on the farm where he was born, his education being acquired in district school No. 12 of Lamartine township. Assuming the heavier responsibilities of life at the age of fourteen years he laid aside his text-books, and thereafter gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits. He remained at home and assisted his father until he was eighteen years of age, and then started out to make his own way in the world. For three years he worked out by the month, thus acquiring the money to enable him to engage in farming for himself as a renter. He began his independent agricultural career in this county, but four years later he removed to Minnesota. After six years' residence in the latter state he once more settled in Fond du Lac county, purchasing his present property in Lamartine township. He is a tireless worker and during the intervening years has diligently applied himself to the further improvement of his place, developing it into one of the attractive and valuable farms of the community. His well tilled fields are largely in such cereals as are best adapted to the feeding of stock as he keeps twenty head of cattle and four horses. In connection with general farming and stock-raising he also engages in dairying and is one of the stockholders of the Lamartine Creamery Company. Mr. Frank is held in favorable

regard in his community, as he is a man of honorable business methods, while in matters of citizenship he is public-spirited, taking an active interest in promoting the welfare of the community.

For his wife Mr. Frank chose Miss Anna Hartman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hartman, well known farming people of this township, their marriage being celebrated at Lamartine, on the 10th of June, 1896. They are the parents of one daughter, Esther.

The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally Mr. Frank is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. His allegiance in political matters he accords to the republican party, and has served his community in various public capacities. He has been for a long period clerk of the school board, while for six years he held the office of road supervisor. A man of high standards and principles, Mr. Frank enjoys the respect and esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens, many of whom he has known from boyhood.

DAVID WHITTON.

David Whitton was born in Dundee, Scotland, August 4, 1836, and is a son of Charles B. and Mary (Stuart) Whitton, also natives of that country. The grandfather, John Whitton was a drover and butcher in Dundee and was twice married. Charles Whitton was the youngest child born to his second union and the twenty-fifth child born to John Whitton. He was a stone-cutter and mason by trade and followed this line of occupation in Scotland for a number of years. He came to America in 1842, landing in Boston on July 4th of that year. Four weeks later he went to Ontario, Canada, where for four years he superintended the building of the locks on the Welland canal. In August, 1846, he came to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and remained there until October, when he located in Ashippun, Dodge county, among the early settlers of that district. He was for many years a prominent and representative citizen, highly esteemed in business and social circles and active as a politician. He was elected to the first assembly district of Dodge county in 1850 and represented said district in the legislature of 1851. Five years later he removed to Fond du Lac county where he took up his residence in the village of Waupun, where he died in May, 1882.

David Whitton grew to manhood among the scenes of pioneer settlement in Wisconsin. He attended the parochial schools during the four years of his father's residence in Canada and after coming to Dodge county attended the country schools of that district for five winters. He studied at home and was always eager in the pursuit of learning. He broadened his culture and widened his horizon by constant reading. When his father came from the legislature he brought with him some statute books and David Whitton spent his evenings reading law before a fire in their log cabin home. He began the study of jurisprudence in 1852 and in 1856 he borrowed law books from an office in Waupun and continued his studies. In 1874 he was admitted to the bar and has been practicing continuously ever since. His residence in Brandon dates from 1867, and during the intervening years he has built up a flourishing general practice. He has been connected with all of the most important litigation of the courts of his district and has gained a position of prominence by reason of his great talent. He is an able and industrious student of the law and a sound thinker. He possesses the coolness of judgment and alertness of mind which are the foundation of legal success, and his prosperity has been continuous during his forty-five years of residence in Brandon. In his youth he had learned the mason's trade with his father, who was a master mason, and worked upon the state prison at Waupun during the course of its erection. The elder Mr. Whitton helped to

locate the institution in that city, and aided in the construction of the main building of the prison. He encouraged his son in learning carpentering later but he has now entirely abandoned those occupations and is giving his entire attention to his law practice.

On January 1, 1862, Mr. Whitton was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Turner, a daughter of Alexander and Agnes (Gowans) Turner. Her father was a native of Scotland and on coming to America settled in Dodge county, Wisconsin, on land adjoining that occupied by the father of our subject. He had just erected a log cabin upon his holdings when he died in 1850. His wife was afterward married to James Emery, who now lives in St. Croix county, and there she died in 1909. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Whitton have been born seven children: Mary, the wife of Charles Allen, a furniture dealer and undertaker of Woonsocket, South Dakota, by whom she has five children, Jesse, Edith, Leta, Gladys and Kenneth; Charles B., who married Miss Jennie Burtch, of Milwaukee, by whom he has one child, Bessie; David, who married Jessie Farnsworth, of Denver, Colorado; Grace, who has now married her third husband, E. A. James, of Sheldon, Iowa, and who has one child, Eva Butts, by her first marriage; Nellie, who is Mrs. George Graham, of Roberts, Wisconsin, and the mother of two children, Malcolm and Grace; Alexander T., who married Miss Nellie Inglis, and now resides in Roberts, Wisconsin; and Susie E., who died in April, 1900, when in her twenty-second year. Mr. and Mrs. Whitton celebrated, on January 1, 1912, their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Brandon. They spent a happy day surrounded by their children and grandchildren. They are among the oldest residents of Fond du Lac county and have the respect and esteem of their friends by reason of their honorable and worthy qualities of heart and mind.

In official circles the name of David Whitton is widely and favorably known. He has served the democratic party and the people at large in many different public capacities and has always been actuated in this phase of his life by high ideals of his responsibility to the people whom he serves. As a resident of Waupun he was assessor and ward supervisor and in Brandon has held the office of justice of the peace, police justice, supervisor and president of the village in which capacity he is now serving his sixth term. In 1873 he was elected to represent the first assembly district, which is now the second, from Fond du Lac county, and served with his customary honor and uprightness. From 1891 to 1892 he did efficient work as sheriff of Fond du Lac county. In 1904 was elected to the office of mayor of Brandon, serving with conspicuous success for five successive terms. He was reelected in 1912, a proof of his acceptability with the people, which he is now serving.

Mr. Whitton holds an important and prominent place in fraternal circles of his city. He is a member of Waupun Lodge, No. 48, F. & A. M., at Waupun, and belongs to Ripon Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M., at Ripon. He is one of the best known figures in the affairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, joining Telulah Lodge, No. 33, of Waupun in 1864, and has belonged to the Waupun encampment, No. 9, since 1865. He has passed through all the chairs in both and has been a member of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for many years. In 1872 he was elected grand patriarch of the Grand Encampment and appointed grand representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1874 at the session held in Atlanta, Georgia. He is now a member of the Metomen Lodge, No. 107, of Brandon, and Elliott Encampment, No. 80, of Ripon. He has been for twenty-five years president of the Scotch Picnic Association and has been well known in the affairs of that body since its organization. He is a man of strict integrity and honor who exemplifies in both his public and legal life high ideals of personal service. His practice is based upon ethical principles and a knowledge of his profession, which, since it was gained through hardship and difficulty, has been retained in its fullness and expanded

to meet the needs of modern activities. Mr. Whitton has always been a friend of the poor and when called upon to defend them has always done so whether they had anything to pay for his services or not.

FRED L. PUCKER.

The name of Fred L. Pucker is prominently connected with the history of farming development in Fond du Lac county where his energy and enterprise along progressive lines have resulted in the addition of two hundred and sixty fertile acres to the agricultural resources. Mr. Pucker is a native son of Wisconsin, having been born in Springvale on April 28, 1865. His father, Fred L. Pucker, Sr., was born in Germany, and at the age of thirty-five came to America and settled in Wisconsin. He was successful as a traveling salesman and later as an agriculturist. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Agnes Scholl, was also born in the fatherland. Their marriage occurred in Wisconsin and they were the parents of four children: Fred L., the subject of this sketch; Matilda, who married Adolph Galle, of Fond du Lac, by whom she has four children; August, who married Antonia Skurbeck of Oshkosh, by whom he has three children; and Jacob, who married Anna Eitmar, of Fond du Lac.

Fred L. Pucker attended the public schools of Wisconsin until he was fourteen years of age. In his youth he assisted in the work upon his father's farm and obtained a complete and detailed knowledge of the best methods of agriculture. He remained at home until he was twenty-eight years of age and gained valuable experience in the tilling and cultivation of the soil and in all the various activities connected with the operation of an agricultural property. When he was twenty-eight he started on an independent career, renting a farm of eighty acres near his father's homestead and bringing the knowledge which he had gained by practical experience and energy to bear upon the improvement and cultivation of this land. After ten years, by thrift and industry, he was able to purchase two hundred and sixty acres on section 17 in Lamartine township and in 1907 began its operation. He is an energetic and ambitious man, eagerly interested in every new development of farm machinery and agricultural methods. He has completed a model barn thirty-six by eighty feet with a capacity for housing sixteen head of cattle and six horses. He has been very successful in his pursuits and owns some of the finest stock in Fond du Lac county.

On April 27, 1893, Mr. Pucker was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rasske, a daughter of Carl and Bertha (Fritz) Rasske. Mrs. Pucker's parents were natives of Germany. Her father came to the United States in 1883 where he bought a farm in Fond du Lac township and became prosperous and successful in this line of activity until his retirement in 1903. He is now living in Fond du Lac and has many friends among its most representative citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Rasske were the parents of four children, Herman, William, Minnie and Mary. To Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Pucker were born eight children: Hilda, on July 28, 1894; Fred, whose birth occurred on October 26, 1896; George, who is now in his fourteenth year; Albert, whose natal day is November 3, 1899; Edna, born on the 15th of October, 1903; Francis, whose birth occurred February 3, 1905; Margaret, who is now three years of age; and Elmer, born on the 26th of October, 1911.

In his political views Mr. Pucker is a republican and keeps himself thoroughly informed upon national and local issues although he has never sought public office. He belongs to the Congregational church and is widely known in Fond du Lac county as a man of exemplary character. His farm, highly de-

veloped and richly productive, his herd of cattle scientifically cared for and his model barns and outbuildings in the midst of his fertile acres, pay tribute to his agricultural care and skill and mark him as an individual force in the development of a great farming section.

MARTIN STRATZ, JR.

Martin Stratz, Jr., whose home is on section 15, Lamartine township, Fond du Lac county, where he is operating a well developed property of two hundred acres, was born in the section where he is now tilling the soil on May 23, 1857. His parents were Martin and Maria (Lehmann) Stratz, natives of Baden, Germany, in which country they were married. They left the fatherland when the elder Mr. Stratz was twenty-one years of age and settled in Lamartine township, where the father took up eighty acres of land. He spent his entire life in improving and developing his holdings, constantly added to his property and brought his land to a high state of cultivation. At the time of his retirement from active life, in 1897, he owned one hundred and sixty acres of the finest and most productive land in Wisconsin. He is now in the eightieth year of his age and makes his home in Woodhull with his son-in-law, J. L. Fisher. His wife passed away September 13, 1907. They were the parents of seven children: Joseph, who now resides in Oshkosh and who married Miss Mary Gau of the town of Forest, Fond du Lac county, by whom he has six children; John, who married Miss Emily Elmer, of Monticello, Wisconsin, by whom he has six children; Minnie, who became the wife of Stephen Lizowa, of Lamartine, and died in 1880, leaving two children; Martin; May, now Mrs. Jacob L. Fisher, of Woodhull; Emma, who married Michael Giebel, of Lamartine, by whom she has five children; and Louis, who married Maggie Smith, of Lamartine, by whom he has four children.

Martin Stratz attended the district schools of Lamartine, Wisconsin, at irregular intervals until he was fifteen years of age. His early childhood was spent upon his father's farm, where he gained a practical and thorough knowledge of scientific agriculture in all the details connected with the tilling of the soil and the caring for grain and stock. His ambition was at that time directed into this channel and he early determined to make agriculture his life's career. He assisted his father for many years. During his boyhood he was assigned the minor labors of the farm and as his strength and skill increased he was initiated into all the various details of the life. He is now the owner of two hundred acres of land which he purchased in 1885 and which he has developed and improved since that time. He is one of the farmers of Lamartine township, whose success is founded upon his knowledge of the value of industry and concentrated attention to minor details. He does not allow his agriculture to absorb his entire interests, however, and is known as a representative citizen of Lamartine township and an active supporter of many of its business institutions. He is a stockholder in the Woodhull Telephone Company and in this enterprise he holds the offices of secretary and general manager. He has been identified with this telephone company since its incorporation in 1907 and he brings to his business activities the same progressively efficient and systematic mind which makes his agricultural undertaking successful.

On January 9, 1883, Mr. Stratz was united in marriage in Lamartine township to Miss Paulina Fischer, a daughter of Sebastian and Caroline Fischer, of Lamartine. The father is a native of Baden, Germany, and the mother was born in the province of Saxony in the same country. Mr. Fischer came to Wisconsin when he was eighteen years of age and settled in Lamartine. His wife has been in America since she was ten years of age. Their marriage

occurred in Plymouth and the mother now resides in Fond du Lac, while the father died in 1897. They are the parents of four children: Paulina, the wife of Martin Stratz; Helen; Nona; and Minette. To Mr. and Mrs. Stratz four children have been born, Alma, Leo, Otto and Neva, of whom Leo and Neva are living with their parents on the home farm, Alma is deceased and Otto is an optician in Manitowoc.

Mr. Stratz is a democrat and has served his fellow citizens in various public capacities for many years. He was supervisor of Lamartine township for six years and was road superintendent for twelve years. He spent a similar period of time as school clerk for district No. 5 and his energies have always been directed along lines of advancement. He holds membership in St. John's Catholic church of Lamartine and his religion influences his life and character. He is prominent in the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin and in St. Michael's Benevolent Society of Fond du Lac. His life has been spent in sincere and earnest effort in the field which he chose in his childhood and his career has been marked by constant advancement along agricultural lines and by gentleness and unassuming good-will in private life.

FRANK F. STILLMACHER.

Frank F. Stillmacher is the owner of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Ripon township, where his energies are largely devoted to the raising of high-grade stock and dairying, as well as diversified farming. He is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred on March 31, 1865, and a son of William and Bertha (Schail) Stillmacher. The parents emigrated to the United States with their family in 1868, coming direct to Ripon, where they had friends. Here the father subsequently purchased a house with four acres of land, thus providing a home for his wife and family, consisting of five sons and four daughters. He and his elder sons worked out by the month for various farmers in the neighborhood, the boys turning their wages over to the father, who carefully saved as much as possible of their united earnings in order to accumulate sufficient means to purchase a larger farm. He sold his first property and bought a place with five acres of land, which he later disposed of, continuing to buy and sell, realizing a profit on each transaction, until with their accumulated earnings they were able to buy a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, located a few miles from Ripon. Here they continued their agricultural pursuits until 1894, when the father withdrew from active work and went to Ripon, where he now lives retired. The farm was sold at that time, the father and sons receiving their respective shares from the proceeds. The mother passed away several years ago and the father now lives with a daughter.

Frank F. Stillmacher was only a child of three years when his parents emigrated to the United States, so that practically his entire life has been passed in the immediate vicinity of his present residence. Being a member of a large family of limited means his educational advantages were meager, but he is a man of practical intelligence and sound judgment and these qualities united with his early training in habits of thrift and industry have enabled him to develop into a capable business man, as is evidenced by the success he has met with in promotion of his interests. With his portion realized from the sale of the homestead he purchased forty acres of land and engaged in farming for himself. He met with very good success and subsequently sold this property to his brother and bought one hundred and twenty acres of land which formed the nucleus of his present farm. Some four years ago he still further increased his holdings by the purchase of an adjoining tract of forty acres, and he also owns fifteen acres just within the corporate limits of Ripon.

all of which he is cultivating. In connection with general agricultural pursuits Mr. Stillmacher engages in dairying and stock-raising. He keeps high grade cattle and horses and fine sheep.

For his wife Mr. Stillmacher chose Miss Augusta Page, a daughter of one of Green Lake county's pioneer settlers, their marriage being celebrated on May 22, 1893. Three sons and one daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stillmacher in the following order: Robert W., Elmer H., Thomas D. and Florence K.

The family are members of the Evangelical church in Ripon, and the political allegiance of Mr. Stillmacher is accorded to the republican party. He is most determined and persevering as well as a tireless worker, and while his career has not been extraordinary, his progress has been permanent, each year showing a decided advance over the one preceding, until he is now numbered among the substantial and prosperous citizens of his community.

JUDGE AUGUST E. RICHTER.

For nearly a quarter of a century Judge August E. Richter has occupied the very responsible position of county judge for Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and is among the best and most favorably known men of high standing throughout this section of the state. He is a native of Saxony, Germany, his birth having there occurred on the 8th of February, 1853. His parents, August and Ernestine Sophia (Klaebe) Richter, emigrated to Wisconsin when Judge Richter was but two years of age, settling first, only for a short time, in Milwaukee, from which city they removed to Cedarburg, at which place they established their home and continued to reside for a period of nearly ten successive years. In 1865 August Richter removed with his family to Fond du Lac and in that city they have since maintained their home. Here the mother of Judge Richter passed away, October 22, 1892.

August E. Richter was reared in his father's home and received a liberal education in the Fond du Lac public schools. After laying aside the text-books of his early studies he worked in the drug business in Fond du Lac, in which occupation he continued to be interested for the ten immediate following years. At the expiration of that time the republican party, believing in the ability and popularity of Mr. Richter, placed him in nomination for the office of clerk of the circuit court for Fond du Lac county and notwithstanding this county had for years been one of the democratic strongholds of the state, the campaign ended in complete victory for Mr. Richter, he having overcome the dominant party of his county by a very flattering majority. Entering at once upon the duties of his office, he became a student of law for the double purpose of making himself a more efficient servant of the people and to provide for himself a career as an attorney at law. In the discharge of his duties as clerk of the circuit court, by unremitting application to studies, he was eventually prepared to take his final examination, which he successfully passed and was admitted to the bar in January, 1885. He at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Fond du Lac. He was not permitted, however, to long continue in the seclusion of his office as a private citizen engaged in the general practice of law. Mr. Richter had already become recognized by the people of this county as a young man reliable, efficient and faithful in the discharge of his duties in an office of public trust, and in 1889 the republican party selected him as its candidate for the office of county judge, believing that his acknowledged abilities and popularity throughout the county would result in his election notwithstanding the large democratic majority. His experience in this his first campaign for the office of county judge was but a repetition of his first campaign made for the

office of the clerk of the circuit court and he was elected by a most complimentary majority and since that time he has been reelected as successor to himself for five consecutive terms to this high office.

Judge Richter is one of the best known men in this county and his career as a servant of the people is in itself the highest possible indorsement of his abilities and character. His long term of service as county judge, reaching over a period of nearly a quarter of a century, is as unusual as it is complimentary to the man. He is in the midst of his mature and the best working years of his life and has before him the pleasant prospect of devoting many more years of honored service to his fellow citizens.

DERRICK J. LOOMANS.

Derrick J. Loomans is one of the well-known business men of Waupun, where he is successfully engaged in the conduct of a lumberyard and also in the lime, coal and wood business. He was born in Alto, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, August 7, 1864, and is the son of John and Katherine (Lammers) Loomans, both of whom were natives of Winterswijk, Holland. The paternal grandfather, John Loomans, emigrated with his family to America from Holland, settling at Waterville, Wisconsin, in 1838. In 1845 he established his home in Fond du Lac county, of which he was one of the early pioneers, and was engaged in farming during the active years of his life. His wife died March 26, 1872. The maternal grandfather was Derrick Lammers, a native of Holland, who emigrated to America in the early '40s, settling first at Amsterdam, where he lived for many years, and later established his home in Fond du Lac county, being one of its early pioneers. He continued to live upon the farm on which he settled in Fond du Lac county until the time of his death, which occurred March 19, 1870. His wife passed away on December 25th of the same year.

The father, John Loomans, was born December 27, 1829, and established his home in Alto township, Fond du Lac county, at an early period and was engaged in farming during all his life. In the early pioneer days of the county he hauled all the products of his farm with ox teams to Milwaukee, which at that time was his nearest market. His wife, as a pioneer bride and mother, made with the loom the clothing used in the family and the father made in his pioneer workshop the wagons and other necessary farm equipment used in the operation and development of his farm. On November 26, 1851, he was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Lammers, whose birth occurred February 8, 1833. The mother passed away January 29, 1879, at the age of about forty-six and the father's death occurred January 30, 1897, when he was nearly sixty-eight years of age. He is one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of Fond du Lac and among the prominent men in this county interested in the educational interests of the community. He and his wife were members of the Dutch Reformed church. They were the parents of eleven children. John William, the eldest member of the family, was born March 22, 1853, and died December 26, 1888. Mena, born May 27, 1854, is the wife of William Stelsel, a retired farmer of Waupun. Jane, born December 26, 1855, is the wife of Albert Donkersgood, who is engaged in farming in St. Croix county, Wisconsin, and to them twelve children have been born. Hendrick, born May 25, 1857, is deceased. Johanna, born November 17, 1858, married William Meenk, who is engaged in farming in Alto township and is now serving as township clerk. Mary, born July 24, 1861, is the wife of J. H. Redeker, a farmer of Alto township. Albert was born July 24, 1863, and died August 17, 1864. Derrick J. is the subject of

this review. Hendrick, born February 11, 1866, married Hannah Giebink, and they reside on the old home place. Anna, born April 7, 1867, married Cornelius Bruins, who is engaged in farming in Alto township. Elizabeth, who completes the family, was born June 4, 1872, and is the wife of Andrew Bruins, a retired farmer of Waupun.

Derrick J. Loomans was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Wisconsin. At the age of fifteen he settled in Waupun and there secured employment in a livery barn, continuing in that work for one and one-half years. He later learned the cigarmaker's trade, in which he continued for six years, during which time he saved one thousand dollars, with which he later paid his expenses as a student for two years in a business college at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. After graduating from that institution he held the position of assistant teacher for six months, after which he was employed in the lumberyard of W. E. Caldwell from 1888 until 1890, when he purchased an interest in the business and continued to devote his attention to its interests as a partner until 1895, at which time he bought out Mr. Caldwell's interest and has since conducted the business. He has since added to his lumberyard a lime yard and also a coal and wood business, his coal business being the only one in Waupun equipped with a hard coal elevator. He employs in his yards a force of seven to ten men and often more during the busy part of the season, which occurs in the spring and fall months of each year.

October 24, 1895, Mr. Loomans was united in marriage to Miss S. Blanche Cross, a daughter of Truman and Marinda (Mitchell) Cross, in whose family were four children. Mr. Loomans is one of the well-known and highly respected business men of his section and enjoys the distinction of being the largest dealer in lumber, lime, coal and fuel in Waupun. He made a trip to Europe, visiting the birth place of his parents, several years ago. He is a man always interested in every public measure intended to improve the conditions of the people of his county and state.

HUBERT J. FREUND.

Hubert J. Freund, who owns and cultivates eighty-eight acres of land in Taycheedah township, was born on the farm where he is now living in 1868. He is of German extraction, his parents, Nicholas and Katie (Koenig) Freund, were born and reared in the fatherland whence they emigrated to the United States in 1847. Here they were subsequently married and later became identified with the agricultural interests of Fond du Lac county, where the father acquired a tract of timber land which he cleared and cultivated during the remainder of his active life.

Reared in a pioneer home of limited circumstances the early advantages of Hubert J. Freund were very meager. He attended the district school and while still in his boyhood began assisting his father about the farm, becoming proficient in the tilling of the fields and care of the crops long before he had attained his majority. Subsequently he acquired the title to the old family homestead, where he has continued his agricultural pursuits. Since becoming owner of the place he has wrought extensive improvements in it, having installed about the premises many modern conveniences. Mr. Freund devotes his fields to diversified farming in connection with which he also raises stock, and is meeting with a fair measure of success in his undertaking.

In this township in 1905 Mr. Freund was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Wirtz, a daughter of Jacob Wirtz, one of the pioneers of Fond du Lac county. Four children have been born of this marriage, Ludvina, Francis, Leo and Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Freund are members of St. Peter's church and in politics he is a democrat. Having always resided in this vicinity he enjoys a wide acquaintance in the community, numbering among its citizens many close friends who were comrades of his boyhood.

RODNEY W. SOPER.

During the years of an active business career Rodney W. Soper was closely connected with lumber and agricultural interests in Fond du Lac county and his carefully managed affairs brought him a measure of success that enabled him to leave his family in comfortable financial circumstances. He was usually termed "Doc" among his friends, this being an expression of close companionship and a recognition of his own ready sympathy and interest in others. He was born at Green Bay, Wisconsin, July 22, 1846, and was only a year old when brought to Fond du Lac county. He was educated in the district schools and at De Land's Business College. His business training was of a practical character, received under the direction of his father, Orville J. Soper, who was of New England birth and parentage. The father was a native of Bristol, Addison county, Vermont, born February 26, 1807. After living in Brown county, Wisconsin, for a time he removed to Fond du Lac county and was the first gristmill owner of this section. He settled here in pioneer times and his mill became one of the old landmarks of the district.

Rodney W. Soper learned the millwright's trade under the direction of his father and acquainted himself with all the practical phases of the milling business, becoming head miller in his father's mill and occupying that position for many years. He was also interested in general agricultural pursuits and at his death left a good farm upon which substantial improvements had been made, thereby greatly increasing its value.

It was on the 26th of November, 1879, that Mr. Soper was united in marriage to Miss Iola Mitchell, of Sheboygan county, who was born in this state in 1857 and was brought to Fond du Lac county by her parents when but six years of age. Both her father and mother were natives of New York and on removing westward settled on a farm in Sheboygan county, where in his agricultural pursuits the father prospered. In their family were four children, Martha, Addison, Mrs. Soper and Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Soper adopted one child, Dean, who was married at Fond du Lac, on the 22d of December, 1908, to Miss Helen Duerr, of that city, a daughter of William and Minnie (Lindee) Duerr, both of whom were natives of Germany. On coming to Wisconsin they settled in Le Roy, Dodge county, and there they reared their family of ten children: Bertha, who is the wife of Charles Talbert, a carpenter living at Fond du Lac; Elvira, who is the wife of Herbert Burnett, a farmer of Oakfield township, by whom she has three children, Archie, Roy and Luella; William; Helen; Gustave; Amanda; Charles; Emma; Verna; and Roselia. Unto the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Soper has been born a son, Vernon. Dean Soper now has charge of his mother's farm of one hundred acres, known as the Elm farm. This he is carefully and systematically cultivating and upon the place he has fourteen head of cattle and four horses. He is an enterprising young business man and his wise direction of farming interests is bringing prosperity to both his mother and himself. He is also well known as a prominent and influential citizen of his community and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. For the past three years he has served as road supervisor of his township and is putting forth resultant efforts in the improvement of the highways of his part of the county. Mrs. Soper resides on section 23, Lamartine township, in an attractive home that stands in the midst of a well developed farm. She and her



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son and daughter-in-law are all members of the Baptist church and in the community they have many friends, who hold them in high regard because of their sterling traits of character. Mr. Soper passed away March 21, 1911, and his demise was the occasion of deep regret to many friends, for during his long residence in the county he had become widely known, his social qualities and many attractive traits of character gaining him the warm regard of those with whom he came in contact.

FREDERICK F. ZIMMERMANN.

Frederick F. Zimmermann is the founder of the well known firm of F. F. Zimmermann & Sons located at Waupun, where the company of which he is the senior member successfully engages in the manufacture of auto bodies, wagons, cutters and sleighs. Mr. Zimmermann is a native of Saxony, Germany, his birth having occurred near Leipsic, October 13, 1838, and is a son of Ludwig and Veronica (Oelschlaegel) Zimmermann. The father with his wife and family emigrated to America, settling on a farm twelve miles north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1841, where he continued to engage in general farming for many years afterward. To Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Zimmermann eight children were born: one who died in infancy; William F., who passed away in Chicago; Ernest F., who is a harnessmaker living in Chicago; Frederick F., the subject of this review; Edward, who was buried at sea at the age of six months; and Edward, Amelia and Agnes, all of whom have passed away, aged respectively seventeen, two and twenty-eight years. The mother met with a severe accident and sustained a broken limb, the result of which later caused her death at the extreme age of ninety-two years.

Frederick F. Zimmermann was reared in his parents' home and completed his elementary education in the public schools at twelve years. He later worked on farms in the neighborhood during the early days of his manhood. At the age of sixteen he began an apprenticeship in a wagon and machine shop and continued in that employment for a number of years. In 1866 he established the F. F. Zimmermann & Sons Company and has since been engaged in the manufacture of auto bodies, wagons, cutters and sleighs. They employ from twenty-eight to thirty men the year round and their business is steadily increasing. In 1911 the company did a business of fifty thousand dollars, a fact which places it in the front rank of the manufacturing concerns of its class in central eastern Wisconsin.

Mr. Zimmermann was united in marriage August 10, 1862, to Miss Ernestine Geidel, who was born in 1846 and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Geidel. Her parents emigrated to America in 1839, settling on a farm in Wisconsin, where the father died later at the age of sixty-seven. In his family were eighteen children. To Mr. and Mrs. Zimmermann eight children have been born. Ida V., born March 29, 1863, married August Grebel and lives at Beaver Dam. Emma, born in 1865, is now the wife of Oscar Hanisch. Flora, whose birth occurred in 1868, became the wife of Otto Amthor, of Waupun. Louis E., born in 1871, is a member of the firm of Zimmermann & Sons and makes his home at Streator, Illinois. Alfred A., who was born in 1874 and is also a partner in the business, married Ida H. Schlegel in 1900 and has two children. Clara, whose birth occurred in 1876, is the wife of Ferdinand E. Grebe and resides at Waupun. Oscar E. was born in 1879 and makes his home with his parents. Richard A., the youngest member of the family, was born in 1886. All of the sons are graduates of the Spencerian Business College of Milwaukee. On August 10, 1912, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmermann celebrated their golden wedding and their eight children were all present with their families.

Mr. Zimmermann is one of the well known and useful citizens of the county of Fond du Lac. He is a man of strict integrity in all his business transactions and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all with whom he is affiliated throughout the state of Wisconsin.

DANIEL A. SULLIVAN.

Daniel A. Sullivan engages in general farming and stock-raising in Lamartine township, where he owns forty acres of land, which he has been cultivating for the past ten years. He was born in Clyman, Dodge county, on the 1st of November, 1877, and is a son of Daniel T. and Margaret (Lynch) Sullivan. The father was also a native of Wisconsin, having been born in Milwaukee in 1848, but the mother's birth occurred in Massachusetts in 1858. In his early manhood, Mr. Sullivan removed to Dodge county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1894, when he settled on a farm in Lamartine township, which he successfully cultivated until his death on the 9th of February, 1912. The mother is still living and continues to make her home in Lamartine township. To them were born four children: Dennis J., a representative of Swift & Company of Chicago, who married Miss Grace Sullivan of Charleston, Iowa; Frank E., who is living on the home farm with his mother; Daniel A., our subject; and Margaret, who is also living at home.

The education of Daniel A. Sullivan was begun in the district schools of his native county, and continued in the graded school at Richwood and the Watertown high school, which he attended for a year. After the family removed to this county he continued his studies until graduated from the high school in 1897. For two years thereafter he remained at home and assisted his father with the cultivation of the farm, but he subsequently went to Milwaukee. He served for two and a half years on the police force of that city, but in 1902 he again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing the place he now owns. He has met with a fair measure of success in his undertakings and his farm has been improved with good, substantially constructed buildings, while he has increased his equipment and has installed about his premises many modern conveniences. In connection with the cultivation of his fields, which are in cereals best adapted to the soil, he engages in stock-raising. At the present time he has ten head of cattle and two horses, and also engages in dairying to some extent.

At Fond du Lac, on the 14th of November, 1911, Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Thurk, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Metz) Thurk, at St. Joseph's church, by Reverend Father Collins, of that city. The parents came to Fond du Lac township ten years ago, where the father has ever since been successfully engaged in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, attending services at Woodhull. His political support he gives to the democratic party, and he has served as road supervisor for four years and as school clerk for five, giving competent and efficient service in both capacities.

FRANK FINNEGAN.

Frank Finnegan cultivates a flourishing farm in Empire township and is rapidly rising to a place of prominence in agricultural circles. He was born June 20, 1862, in the township of Wayne, Washington county, Wisconsin, and was one of a family of nine children. His parents were Thomas and Mary (Nugent) Finnegan, both natives of Ireland. They came to the United States

with their eldest son, Patrick Finnegan, and were among the pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county. The father bought land in Empire township after a few years' residence in Washington county and lived upon his original property until his death in 1899, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife still survives him and is living with her daughter, Mrs. Timothy Maher, in Empire.

Frank Finnegan received his early education in district school No. 2, Empire township, and pursued his studies through the usual branches of learning. He worked upon his father's farm in his early youth and spent two winters in the northern pine woods. He remained at home until his marriage in 1898 and in that year bought his present farm in Empire township. He is now active in agricultural circles and is an enterprising and representative citizen of his district. He has made all of the improvements upon his land, built the house in which he resides and erected finely equipped and convenient barns. He is entirely responsible for the present improved state of his holdings and his hard work and industry have developed his property into a valuable tract.

Mr. Finnegan has been twice married. In 1898 he wedded Miss Agnes Hayes, a daughter of Henry Hayes, a pioneer settler of Eden township, and to this union were born three children: Luverne, and James Bernard and Julia Agnes, twins. July 6, 1908, Mr. Finnegan's first wife died and in 1911 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Campbell, a daughter of Peter Campbell, of Stockbridge, Wisconsin, and a charming and hospitable woman. Mr. Finnegan is a believer in the Roman Catholic faith and is a member of St. Mary's church of Eden. Politically he is a democrat although he sometimes votes independently. He has done but one thing in his life and he has done that thing well. His farming is conducted along scientific and progressive lines and Fond du Lac county is richer in its resources by his life and activities.

GEORGE A. FISHER.

George A. Fisher engages in general farming and stock-raising in Lamartine township, Fond du Lac county, where he owns a hundred and twenty acres of highly improved and cultivated land. He is a native of this county, his birth having occurred in the township, where he now resides on the 4th of December, 1866. His father, George Fisher, was born in Germany, where he passed his boyhood and youth. In 1851 he emigrated to the United States, spending the first year of his residence in this country in New York. At the end of that time he continued his journey westward to Wisconsin, purchasing eighty acres of land in Lamartine township, this county, where he engaged in farming during the remainder of his active life. He passed away in 1908. His wife, whose maiden name was Barbara Worley, was also a native of Germany, whence she came to America over fifty years ago. They were married in Lamartine and there were born their four children, of whom our subject is the youngest. In order of birth the others are as follows: William H., a farmer of Lamartine township, who married Mary Kaufman and has become the father of five children; Louisa, who became the wife of John Fisher, a farmer of Lamartine, and they have two children; and Charles, who passed away in 1867.

The life of George A. Fisher has not been in any way remarkable. He was born in a home where money was not plentiful, and each member of the family from the eldest to the youngest upon attaining a responsible age was assigned regular duties about the farm, in the cultivation of which they all assisted. Thus long before he had reached his majority he was qualified to undertake the operation of a farm, being thoroughly familiar with the practical methods of cultivating the fields and caring for the crops. He attended school until he was seventeen, following which he assisted his father until 1891, when he

engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account as a renter. Two years later he purchased the place he now owns, on which he has wrought many and extensive improvements during the intervening years, making it one of the valuable and attractive properties of the township. In connection with his diversified farming he engages in stock-raising, and has met with a good measure of success in both lines of his business. He owns twenty head of full blooded and high grade Holstein cattle and five horses, while he has an equipment which is fully adequate to his needs. The buildings on his place are all substantially constructed and in good repair, while his well tilled fields annually produce rich harvests, as a reward for his systematic and painstaking labor expended in their cultivation. That Mr. Fisher has led a life of well directed energy and activity is substantially evidenced by the general appearance and conditions of his farm, which is a tribute to his enterprise and diligence.

At Lamartine on the 5th of October, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Fisher to Miss Rosella Fisher, a daughter of Paul and Sophia Fisher, well known farming people of Springvale, who were among the early pioneers of Fond du Lac county, locating in Alto township, where for many years the father successfully followed farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have been born seven children: Frederick, Athalia, Iona, Florence, Claude, Amelia and Harold.

The family are members of the Roman Catholic church. In his political views, Mr. Fisher is a democrat, but at local elections he often casts an independent ballot. He takes an active interest in local affairs and served for eight years as a member of the school board; for three years was road supervisor; and is now discharging the duties of township treasurer. He has prospered in his undertakings, but his success is highly merited, as he has worked tirelessly, overcoming adverse conditions by his determination and undaunted perseverance.

CHARLES W. KUEHN.

Charles W. Kuehn, one of the representative and leading business men of Fair Water, has for many years conducted a grain elevator here and has won a gratifying measure of prosperity in this connection. His birth occurred in Dodge county, Wisconsin, on the 5th of June, 1866, his parents being William and Louise (Schwanke) Kuehn, both of whom were natives of Germany. William Kuehn assisted his father in the operation of the home farm in that country and when twenty years of age crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Dodge county, Wisconsin. He worked on the prairie during the summer months and in the winter seasons worked in the pine woods in the northern part of the state. A few years after his arrival in this country he was married and purchased a farm of two hundred acres in Dodge county, continuing to reside thereon until called to his final rest in 1909. His wife came to America in company with her parents, the family home being established in Green Lake county, Wisconsin. She is still living on the old home farm in Dodge county, this state. To Mr. and Mrs. William Kuehn were born nine children, as follows: John, an agriculturist residing at Burnett, Dodge county, Wisconsin; Amelia, the wife of John Albert, a farmer of Dodge county, this state; Charles W., of this review; William, a hardware merchant of Fair Water, Fond du Lac county; Augusta and Carey, both at home; Theodore and Ernest, both of whom follow farming in Dodge county, this state, and Edward, who died at the age of twenty years.

Charles W. Kuehn obtained his early education in the district schools and later spent three years in the high school at Horicon, Wisconsin. After putting aside his text-books he opened a grain elevator at Horicon, successfully

conducting the same for eleven years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and came to Fair Water, Fond du Lac county, here embarking in the same business. As proprietor of a grain elevator he has won a measure of success which has established his position among the leading business men of the town, and his reputation for integrity and straightforward dealing is an enviable one.

In 1893 Mr. Kuehn was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Frei, a daughter of Ferdinand and Augusta (Laper) Frei, the former a retired agriculturist of Fair Water, this county. Ferdinand Frei was born in Germany on the 8th of September, 1830, while the birth of his wife occurred in Prussia on the 21st of June, 1837. He emigrated to America when twenty years of age, making his way first to Chicago and a month later going to Peoria, Illinois. Subsequently he came to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, there learned the shoemaker's trade and then embarked in business on his own account at Ripon. He was married at that place in 1857 and a few years later removed to Columbia county, Wisconsin, where he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, first buying a tract of eighty acres and later extending the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of thirty acres. The operation of that place claimed his time and energies for several years or until 1910, when he came to Fair Water to spend the evening of life in retirement. His wife accompanied her parents on their emigration to the new world in the early '50s, locating near Fair Water, this county. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Frei are as follows: John, who follows farming in Green Lake county, Wisconsin; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Ellis Connard, a farmer of South Dakota; Ferdinand, an agriculturist of Green Lake county, Wisconsin; Julia, who is the wife of William P. Sauer, a farmer of Green Lake county, this state; Mrs. Hattie Kuehn, wife of our subject, who was born on the 18th of June, 1872; Henry, who died when but one year old; Katie, twin of Henry, who is the wife of Emil Simon, superintendent of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Company of Horicon, Wisconsin; and Emma, the wife of Henry Weichbradt, a painter of Horicon, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn have three children, namely: Edna, who was born on the 27th of September, 1894, and is a high school student; Everett, whose birth occurred on the 31st of July, 1900; and Ruth, whose natal day was November 12, 1903.

Charles W. Kuehn gives his political allegiance to the republican party and during his residence in Horicon served for some time as alderman. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church of Fair Water, to which his wife and children also belong. He commands the warm friendship and esteem of all who know him by reason of his high ideals of citizenship and honorable dealings in all business relations.

LUCIAN CLOSE.

Lucian Close is identified with the general agricultural interests of Lamartine township, where he owns and cultivates sixty acres of well improved land. Descended from one of Fond du Lac county's pioneer families, he was born in the township where he now resides on the 26th of October, 1875, and is a son of Jeremiah and Julia (Bryant) Close. The father, who makes his home with our subject, was born in the village of Lamartine, or Seven Mile Creek, June 6, 1842, and here he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1907, when he withdrew from active work and has since lived retired. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having gone to the front as a member of Company D, Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, remaining in the service for eighteen months. He was wounded at the battle of Cedar Mountain and was subsequently discharged on account of disability. The mother is likewise a native of this state, having been

born in Walworth county, but when she was four months old her family removed to this county, where she was reared to womanhood and on the 26th of April, 1867, became the wife of Mr. Close. They became the parents of four children, as follows: Lucian and Loren, twins, the former our subject and the latter the station agent at Rosendale; Winnie, who married Frank Sutliff, an engineer at the capitol building at Madison, by whom she has had four children; and Nellie, who became the wife of Fred Sass and has one child.

The entire life of Lucian Close has been passed amid the scenes with which he is now familiar. In the acquirement of his education he regularly attended the district schools of Lamartine township until he was fifteen. He subsequently continued his studies there during two winter terms, and then laid aside his text-books and gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits. He was associated with his father until the latter's retirement in 1907, when he purchased the home place, which he is now cultivating in connection with a tract of land which he had previously bought. His homestead comprises sixty acres of fertile soil, and there he engages in diversified farming, stock-raising and dairying. He has met with a fair measure of success and is numbered among the substantial citizens of his community. A man of practical ideas and good judgment he conducts his work in a systematic and methodical manner, as is evidenced by the appearance of his place. The buildings are kept in repair and he owns sixteen head of cattle and two horses.

At Lamartine on the 27th of June, 1900, Mr. Close was married to Miss Nettie Frederick, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick, farming people of that township. She passed away February 12, 1908, leaving two young daughters, Ada and Edna.

Mr. Close is a member of the Congregational church, as was also his wife. In politics he is a republican and has commendably served as school treasurer for five years. As a citizen Mr. Close is public-spirited and takes great pride in the fact that for practically seventy-five years his family has contributed toward the progress and development of Fond du Lac county. He enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance among the residents of his community, where he has a large circle of friends, many of whom have known him from boyhood.

T. M. WELCH, D. D. S.

Dr. T. M. Welch is one of the well known citizens of Waupun, where he is successfully engaged in the practice of the dental profession. He was born on the 15th of May, 1868, in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and is a son of Martin and Hannah (Hennigan) Welch, both of whom are natives of Ireland, the father's birth having occurred in County Kilkenny and that of the mother in County Mayo. Martin Welch emigrated to America in 1857 and settled on a farm in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. In his family were three children: Dr. P. H. Welch, who is engaged in practice in Chicago; W. J., also of Chicago; and T. M.

The last named was reared in the parents' home and received his early education in the public schools, being later graduated from the high school of Waupun. He then took up the study of dentistry and after completing the required course in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery was graduated from that institution with the degree of D. D. S. in the class of 1889. Immediately following his graduation he opened his offices in Waupun and has since been continuously and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. He has also maintained a branch office at Brandon for the past twenty-two years. He was secretary of the Wisconsin State Dental Society in 1897; in 1898 was elected vice president of the society; and was made president of the society in

1900. Dr. Welch is affiliated with the democratic party and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and also the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of Waupun. In religious faith he is a Catholic.

Dr. Welch was united in marriage on the 27th of November, 1902, to Miss Jessie Smith Roberts, who was born August 12, 1872, and is a daughter of J. J. and Jennie (Smith) Roberts, of Waupun, the father being one of the well known bankers of that city, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Dr. Welch is one of the most successful and well known dentists in Fond du Lac county and during his entire professional career has met with gratifying success in his business. He is connected by marriage with one of the first families of Waupun and is a man who is always identified with every public enterprise intended to advance and improve the condition of the people of his county and state.

AUGUST F. STREBLOW.

August F. Streblow owns and operates a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres in Lamartine township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and his business qualifications and his genuine personal worth entitle him to a place among the enterprising and representative citizens of this section. He was born in Brandenburg, Germany, on November 15, 1854, and is a son of John and Amelia (Kroll) Streblow, natives of the fatherland. His father was a farmer and followed that occupation in Germany until 1869, in which year he came to America, settling in Fond du Lac county on August 1. He bought eighty acres of land and was successful as an agriculturist until his death in 1884. His wife, whose birth occurred on July 29, 1830, is living in Lamartine township and has reached the age of nearly eighty-three years. To their union were born four children, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of the subject of this sketch.

August F. Streblow was educated in the public schools of Germany until he had reached the age of fourteen years. He came with his parents to Wisconsin in 1869 and with them settled in the township of Lamartine. He worked in his father's employ and was identified with every branch of agriculture from his early childhood. In 1882 his independent agricultural career commenced. His father gave him, in recognition of his able services in the past, a tract of forty acres of the finest farm land in Fond du Lac county and this Mr. Streblow immediately began to cultivate. He operated his holdings along the most modern and progressive lines, improving, expanding and developing continuously. He planted his acres to the grains most suitable to the soil and climate and his agriculture was productive because it was intelligent and practical. He added to his holdings from time to time and is now the owner of two hundred and twenty-five acres which in their improved and developed state constitute one of the most valuable farms of the county.

On October 9, 1879, Mr. Streblow was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Sasse, a daughter of Frederick and Henrietta Sasse. Mrs. Streblow was born on November 9, 1857, in Germany, and came to Lomira, Dodge county, with her parents in 1867. Her father followed farming for a number of years and died in 1900 when he was seventy-two years of age, having long survived his wife, whose death occurred in 1873, when she was forty-two years old. To their union were born five children of whom Mrs. Streblow was the eldest, the others being Louis, Mary, Fred and Dora. Mr. and Mrs. Streblow became the parents of eight children, as follows: Edwin F., engaged in farming at Rudolph, Wisconsin, who married Bertha Ellis, of Howe, by whom he has six children, Vernon, Alvin, Irene, Mabel, Leslie and Emmett; John W. a farmer

of Fond du Lac, who married Minnie Pripke, of Lamartine, by whom he has two children, Glenn and Bernice; William A., who is a farmer of Fond du Lac and who married Erna Abraham, of Black Wolf, Wisconsin; George H., an agriculturist of Lisbon, North Dakota, who married Myrtle Wells, of that city, and who has one child, Grace; Frank W., who resides at home; Benjamin L., living at Black Wolf, Wisconsin; and Fred J. and Carl A.

In his political beliefs Mr. Streblow is a consistent republican and while he has never been an office seeker has served with ability and efficiency for six years as director of the school board. He affiliates with the Evangelical church. He has that talent for organization and management which is a necessary factor where constructive work in agriculture is to be done. He has set himself a high standard of business and personal honor and during the many years of his life in Fond du Lac county has never deviated from this code.

GAINES A. KNAPP.

Gaines A. Knapp, the cashier of the Fond du Lac National Bank, was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, May 31, 1848, and is one of a family of six children whose parents were William A. and Lucinda A. (Gilbert) Knapp. He was reared in Oshkosh and attended the public schools. His initial step in the business world was made as a messenger boy in the First National Bank of that city and following his removal to Fond du Lac in 1867 he entered the hardware trade in connection with his father, the business relation between them being maintained until 1872. Mr. Knapp then again became connected with banking interests as an officer of the Savings Bank of Fond du Lac, which he closed out in 1886. The following year the Fond du Lac National Bank was organized and throughout the entire period of its existence he has been its cashier, his comprehensive knowledge of banking and his unfaltering enterprise being salient features in the success of the institution.

On the 12th of September, 1871, Mr. Knapp was united in marriage to Miss Florence L. Galloway, a daughter of Edwin H. and Maria H. (Adams) Galloway. Mrs. Knapp was born in Fond du Lac and her parents were natives of the state of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have one daughter, Anah G., who is the wife of George E. Kent, of Beloit, Kansas. Mr. Knapp gives his political allegiance to the republican party and upon its ticket he has twice been elected city treasurer and in 1886-7 represented his district in the general assembly. He also was a delegate to the republican national convention in 1898 and 1904. There has been manifested in his entire career in business life and politics, in fraternal and social relations, a fidelity to duty combined with capability that has established him as a representative and respected citizen of Fond du Lac.

ELMER H. PAVEY.

An excellent farm of one hundred acres, situated on section 20, Oakfield township, is the property of Elmer H. Pavey and yields to him abundant harvests in reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. The place is neat in appearance and gives every indication of progressive management. Mr. Pavey was born in Dodge county, August 29, 1873, and on the paternal side is of English ancestry. His father, William Pavey, was born in England and was but nine years of age when he was brought to America by his parents, who, making their way into the interior of the country, settled

in the town of Burnett, Dodge county, where they secured a homestead claim, being pioneers of that region. Having arrived at years of maturity, William Pavey was united in marriage to Miss Edith Ayers, who was born in Berlin, Wisconsin, August 5, 1848, and died in 1912 in Beaver Dam, this state. Her husband, passed away in 1906. They were the parents of two sons and a daughter: Elmer of this review; Addie, who died in 1894; and Mark, a farmer of the town of Trenton, Dodge county, who married May Kellom, of Beaver Dam, and has two children, Addie and Beatrice.

Elmer H. Pavey pursued his education in the public schools of Berlin, Wisconsin, until he reached the age of sixteen years, after which he worked for his father until 1894, when, having attained his majority, he started in the business world on his own account, investing in one hundred acres of land on section 20, Oakfield township, all of which is under cultivation except twelve acres of timber land. As the years have gone by he has converted his place into a fine and valuable farm, upon which he has fifteen head of cattle and four horses. He makes a specialty of the dairy business and he also raises hay, barley, oats and corn, which he sells in the local market. His farm presents a most neat and attractive appearance and the methods which he employs are entirely in keeping with the progressive spirit of the twentieth century.

On the 4th of November, 1901, Mr. Pavey was married, in Burnett township, Dodge county, Wisconsin, to Mrs. Emma King, a widow residing in Waupun. Her parents were Minnesota people. By her first marriage she had three children, Rose, Vera and Clifford.

The cause of education finds in Mr. Pavey a warm and stalwart friend, who regards the public-school system as the bulwark of the nation and, therefore, does what he can to further its interests. For three years he served as school clerk but otherwise has not held public office. His political support is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. His life has been well spent, in harmony with his professions, and in every relation he has been honorable and upright, winning for himself the warm regard of his fellow citizens.

AUGUST KUEHN.

August Kuehn is one of the many sturdy and reliable natives of Germany whose labors in the cultivation of excellent farms in Fond du Lac county have influenced the agricultural development of the section. He is carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred and ten acres on section 35, and by practical methods and well directed energy is bringing his enterprise to a gratifying degree of success. He is well known in this section where he has resided since his youth and where he has been identified with farming pursuits for many years. He was born in Germany on December 3, 1849, and is a son of Gottlieb and Rosanna (Stark) Kuehn, both of whom lived and died in the fatherland. Gottlieb Kuehn was born September 10, 1822, and his active career was identified with agricultural life until his death which occurred in 1908. His wife was also born in 1822 and passed away in her native country in 1887.

August Kuehn was educated in the public schools of Germany and when he was seventeen years of age with friends crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Ripon, Wisconsin, where he worked out on a farm for several years. When he removed to Fond du Lac county he settled in Brandon where he farmed in the employ of others until his marriage in 1878. In that year he rented a tract of land and after two years purchased sixty acres in Metomen township. This he improved and developed for a short time selling

it eventually in order to buy his present farm of one hundred and ten acres on section 35, where he has since resided. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and is commencing the breeding and raising of thoroughbred Holstein cattle having as head of his herd Sir Johanna De Kol, the Eighteenth, bred by C. W. Schrader of Racine. He has made substantial improvements upon his place and has added greatly to the value of his property, keeping his equipment modern and his fields in grains best adapted to the soil. Mr. Kuehn keeps a herd of twelve cows and his dairy constitutes a valuable addition to his income and is thoroughly modern and sanitary. He is an able financier and an enterprising business man, his keen sagacity and industry constituting the basis of his present prosperity.

In 1878 Mr. Kuehn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Norris, a native of Metomen township, born September 11, 1851, and a daughter of Thomas and Eunice (Andrews) Norris. Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn became the parents of four children: Cora, born August 27, 1879, who is a graduate of the Brandon high school, and who is residing at home; Charles, whose birth occurred December 2, 1882, and is engaged in association with his father in the operation of the home farm; Adeline, who was born May 30, 1886, and who is also a graduate of the Brandon high school; and Bernice, born December 15, 1895, who is attending high school.

Mr. Kuehn gives his allegiance to the republican party but has never been politically active. He is interested in local enterprises and is a shareholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Brandon and in the Wilkes Creamery Company. He and his family are members of the Methodist church. Viewed from every standpoint his life may be termed successful because he has made his agricultural enterprise prosperous and his private life useful and worth while.

OSCAR PEEBLES.

Oscar Peebles is the owner of a valuable farm in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, comprising forty-six acres of cultivated land. He was born in Peebles, this county, in 1857, and is a son of Ezra and Margaret Peebles. His father was born in New York state and came to Wisconsin in the early '40s. He settled first on the town line between Marshfield and Taycheedah and operated a farm in this vicinity for a number of years. He brought his land to a high state of development and eventually sold it at a good profit. He then moved to the farm, a portion of which is now occupied by the subject of this sketch. He carried on his agricultural work intelligently and progressively, added to his holdings at various times and at his death had one hundred and seventy acres of fertile and productive soil. He was one of the earliest settlers in Fond du Lac county and at one time owned most of the land in Taycheedah township. The city where his son was born was named after him, as he was one of the pioneers in its settlement and was instrumental in having the railway station moved to that point. He passed away on his farm in 1899. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, the latter being: Ella, who died in 1887; Emma, now Mrs. Nels Anderson; and Sarah, who married Frank Pinkham.

Oscar Peebles was reared upon his father's farm and received a limited education in the district schools of Taycheedah township. He has followed agriculture throughout his life and his present efficiency in this line of occupation is the result of his early personal experience in the details of planting, cultivating and harvesting. He is now located upon forty-six acres of land, which constitutes a part of his father's holdings, the soil of which is rich and productive, owing to the care and labor which he bestows upon it.

In 1900 Mr. Peebles was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Chapman, a daughter of William and Ella (Dawn) Chapman, of Watertown, New York. He is a republican in his political belief and a member of the Methodist church. His life record illustrates the power of honesty and diligence in insuring success. His labors have always been actively constructive and intelligently carried forward and have resulted in placing him in the front rank of progressive farmers.

CARL WIESE.

When the enterprising spirit of the fatherland finds scope in the business opportunities of the new world success is certain. This fact finds exemplification in the life record of Carl Wiese, engaged in general farming on section 21, Oakfield township. He was born in Germany, December 27, 1856, and his parents, Carl and Mary (Swepkie) Wiese, were also natives of that country. The father was a farmer by occupation and remained in Germany until 1888, when he crossed the Atlantic and made his home with his son and namesake in Eldorado township, Fond du Lac county, where he passed away at the age of eighty years. His widow survived him until 1895 and was seventy-two years of age at the time of her demise. The son Carl was one of a family of six children and also had a stepsister, Ricke. His brothers and sisters were Sophia, Johannah, Ricke, May and Christina. Of these Sophia became the wife of Joseph Kamps and they also reside in Germany. Johannah is the wife of Moritz Baltz, also of Germany, and they have seven children. Ricke is the wife of William Puls, of Rosendale, Wisconsin, and their children are Caroline, May, Fred, Ida, Minnie, Charles, Bertha, Lizzie and Henry. May became the wife of Julius Hoffman, a farmer of Empire, this county, and they have nine children, Arthur, August, Minnie, Hattie, Ernie, Fred, Julius, May and Alvin. Ricke, the stepsister, is the wife of Fred Henning, a salesman living in Eldorado, and they have six children, William, Fred, May, Annie, Ernie and Charles. Christina is the wife of Christ Henning, a farmer of Eldorado, and they have five children, Annie, Minnie, Henry, Theodore and Rose.

Carl Wiese was a pupil in the schools of his native country until fourteen years of age, after which he was employed as a farm hand until nineteen years of age. He was afterward a soldier in the German army for three years, after which he spent a year on a farm in the fatherland ere emigrating to the new world, prompted by a desire to enjoy better business opportunities and privileges than he could secure in his native land. That he found the opportunities which he sought is indicated in the fact that he is now one of the substantial and prosperous farmers of his township. He is the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of good land on section 21, Oakfield township, and the place is well improved with good buildings and modern equipments. It is also well stocked, for he keeps on an average three horses, twenty-four hogs and twenty-five head of cattle, making the dairy business a feature. The careful management which he displays in conducting his farm is evidenced in its attractive and well kept appearance, and that his methods are progressive is shown in the excellent results which follow his labors. In addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder in the Oak Center Cooperative Dairy Company.

On the 18th of April, 1884, in Eldorado, Wisconsin, Mr. Wiese was married to Miss Minnie Pauls, a daughter of Charles and Sophia (Lempka) Pauls both of whom were natives of Germany, where Mrs. Wiese was also born. Her family came to America in 1883, settling in Eldorado township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where the father died in 1894. The mother, however, had passed away before the emigration of the family to the new world took

place, her death occurring in Germany in 1880, when she was fifty-one years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Wiese have been born twelve children. William, who married Iola Stafford, is a farmer living in Oakfield. Minnie is the wife of August Berger, formerly of Princeton, Wisconsin, now living in Lamartine township, where he follows farming. Charles, a farmer of Oakfield township, married Minnie Wessel, of Mayville, Wisconsin. Henry, Jennie, Lizzie and Emma are yet at home. Frank died in infancy. Elsie, Alvin, Arthur and Emil are still under the parental roof.

Carl Wiese votes with the republican party and is mindful of his duties of citizenship. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and as the years have gone by his persistent labor, intelligently directed, has gained him a place among the leading farmers of his part of the county.

HENRY L. WEBER.

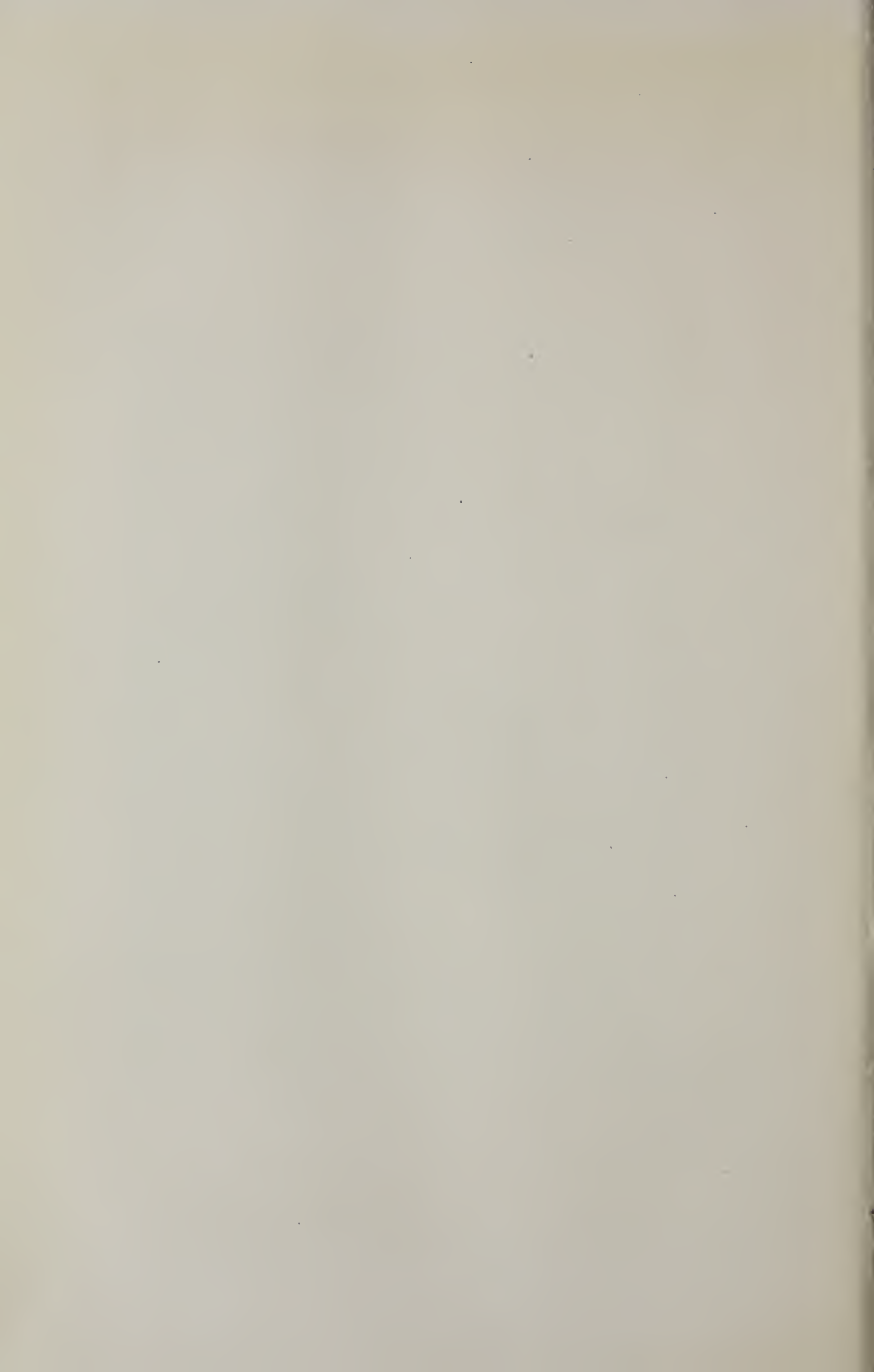
Up-to-date dairying is rapidly becoming one of the important branches of agriculture and to it Henry L. Weber is devoting special attention. He also carries on general farming and the one hundred and twenty acres of land which he owns and operates in Lamartine township are well managed both from a business and an agricultural standpoint. Mr. Weber was born in Germany, on October 24, 1862, and is a son of Carl and Justina (Bade) Weber, both natives of that country. His father was born in 1831 and was a gardener by occupation. He came to Fond du Lac county and settled in Eden township in 1872 and died in Lamartine township in 1893. His wife is living at the age of seventy-nine years and makes her home with our subject. To their union were born three children: Augusta, who is the wife of Otto Collins, a native of Germany, and a laborer by trade by whom she has two children, Carl and Emma; Julius, a farmer in Fond du Lac county, who married Miss Hattie B. Drake of Black Earth, Wisconsin, by whom he has two children, William and Burdette; and Henry L., the subject of this sketch.

Henry L. Weber was ten years of age when he came to America with his parents. He attended the district schools of Eden township until he was fourteen years old, abandoning his studies in order to give active assistance to his father in the work of the farm. Until he was thirty-two years of age he lived at home and assisted in the various tasks incident to the agricultural enterprise which Carl Weber was conducting. Eventually, however, he rented land and for eight years carried on general agriculture upon this property. Ambitious, energetic and economical he saved his money and was able to purchase the old homestead which then comprised eighty acres of improved land. To this he added forty adjoining acres and has owned his present tract since 1902. He keeps a large herd of thoroughbred cattle and makes a specialty of his dairy which is one of the finest in the county. It is kept in a clean and sanitary condition and is operated along the most scientific and modern methods. He sells his products in the Fond du Lac markets and this branch of his enterprise is an important source of income to him. He at the present time owns one hundred and twenty acres, excellently improved and developed on section 35, Lamartine township. His cattle are pure-bred and all of them are registered Holsteins. He is numbered among the representative citizens of his district whose intelligent labors are promoting the progress of agriculture in Wisconsin.

On February 19, 1896, Mr. Weber was united in marriage in Lamartine township, to Miss Louisa Bowe, a daughter of Christian and Mary Ann (Gambert) Bowe, natives of Germany. They came to Lamartine township in 1848 and were among the pioneer agriculturists of the region. Mrs. Weber's father was



MR. AND MRS. HENRY L. WEBER



born in 1823 and died in 1892. Her mother's birth occurred in 1830 and her death in 1904. They had eight children, four of whom are still living: Julius, who is a farmer near Chilton, Wisconsin, and who married Miss Mina Bowe, by whom he has four children, Mary, Leona, Louis, and Jerome; Charles, who is a carpenter in Lamartine; Louis, who also follows carpentering and who married Miss Rose Diethert, by whom he has one daughter, Hazel; and Louisa, the wife of Henry L. Weber. Mr. and Mrs. Weber are the parents of three children: Leona, born January 8, 1897; Carl, born December 30, 1899; and Hazel, whose birth occurred on the 20th of June, 1904.

In his political beliefs Mr. Weber is a consistent republican and has served as road superintendent holding this office for fifteen years and conducting its affairs systematically and conscientiously. He also did able service as treasurer of joint school district No. 12. He is a stockholder in the Lamartine Creamery Company and is known as a man who is active in the promotion of local enterprises. He belongs to the Methodist church and is well known in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America. His farm is in excellent condition and its equipment is practical and complete, while his fields are sowed to the most suitable grains. Rich harvests annually reward his labor and his methods are systematic and progressive, resulting in prosperity and success.

GEORGE IVEN BEIRNE.

In the early period of its development Wisconsin was largely given over to the lumber industry, but with its settlement it has come to the front as one of the great agricultural states of the Union and its rich soil, carefully cultivated, has won for it the reputation which it bears in this connection. George Iven Beirne is classed with those who are winning success through application and careful management in the conduct of farming interests. He is well known in Fond du Lac county, for it is here that he was born, in the town of Oakfield, on the 5th of June, 1882. The father of our subject, James H. Beirne, was born at a place along the line of railroad between Chester and Burnett in Dodge county, for his father at that time had a grading contract with the Northwestern Railroad and with his wife was living in a railroad camp. The birth of James H. Beirne occurred February 12, 1853. His father was John Beirne, a native of Ireland, who became one of the early residents of Fond du Lac county, sleeping the first night after his arrival in the town of Oakfield under an elm tree. He came to be regarded as one of the valued, prominent and honored citizens of the township, where he took up his abode in 1842. He had previously for five years been a resident of New York, having come from the Emerald isle to the new world in 1837. He was at the time of his emigration to this country twenty-two years of age, his birth having occurred December 30, 1815, and he lived until the 22d of June, 1903, when death called him. The family of James H. Beirne numbered four children: Charles, who died at the age of nineteen years; George I.; Edith, who passed away April 17, 1912; and Evelyn, who married Abel Bristol, who is a farmer and breeder of registered Holstein cattle in Oakfield township.

George I. Beirne, spending his youthful days in Oakfield township, pursued his education in district school No. 3 until he reached the age of seventeen years, after which he spent two years as a student in the high school in Oakfield. He later entered Madison University, where he pursued a two years' course in agriculture, and was appointed to serve as one of three judges of county fairs out of about one hundred and seventy students who were available. He continued to act in that capacity throughout the state for a number of years, until in 1906 when he took charge of two hundred and fifty acres of the old home-

stead formerly belonging to his grandfather. He has been very successful in conducting his agricultural interests. He is a breeder of Guernsey cattle, which he and his father have imported extensively from the Isle of Guernsey, and their herd numbers about one hundred and twenty head. He also raises hogs for slaughtering for family use and has seven horses to carry on the work of the farm.

On the 5th of February, 1907, Mr. Beirne was married, at Lomira, Dodge county, Wisconsin, to Miss Regina Mathieu, a daughter of John and Charlotte (Parduhn) Mathieu, both of whom are natives of Germany. They were farming people and became pioneer settlers of Dodge county. Mr. and Mrs. Beirne became parents of three children of whom one died unnamed, and another Louisa, in infancy. The other daughter, Alice, was born September 5, 1909. The parents are communicants of the Catholic church. Mr. Beirne has been a lifelong resident of Fond du Lac county and that his record is a creditable one is indicated in the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

HENRY SCHWARTZ.

Henry Schwartz having formed a copartnership with R. H. Lee, is engaged in the automobile business under the firm name of the Fond du Lac Automobile & Tire Repair Company. This firm has its principal office, sales-rooms and shops at Nos. 210-212 South Main street, Fond du Lac. Mr. Schwartz resides at No. 69 Eighth street. He was born in Byron township, Fond du Lac county, July 29, 1870, and is a son of Henry and Martha (Kapp) Schwartz, natives of Germany.

Henry Schwartz, the father of the subject of this review, emigrated to America in the year 1852 and on reaching the new world located in Byron township, this county. He was by occupation a farmer and continued to reside upon the farm on which he made his original location. To Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz nine children were born: Fred; George; Bertha, now the wife of Cyrus Bemis; Kate, the wife of Reilly Bemis; Lizzie, the widow of Allen H. Filbey; Henry; Lena, the deceased wife of Herman Haddey; and John and Rose. The parents have long since passed to their reward, the father at the age of seventy-two and the mother at the age of sixty-eight. Both had been lifelong and devout members of the Lutheran church.

Henry Schwartz, our subject was reared on the farm in Byron township where he attended the district school. After completing his elementary education he became a pupil at the North Indiana Normal School in Valparaiso. Upon the completion of his course of studies at the Normal School he entered the employment of the McCormick Harvester Company as a traveling salesman and continued in this vocation for a period of seven years, at which time he closed his relation with the firm and was employed by the E. W. Clark Company of this city, with whom he remained for three years. In June, 1911, he formed a partnership with Mr. R. H. Lee, of Fond du Lac, under the style of the Fond du Lac Automobile Tire & Repair Company. This company has the agency for the Buick and Rambler machines and in addition to this line of business they carry a full stock of all kinds of automobile supplies and in their shops are prepared to do first-class repair work.

Henry Schwartz was united in marriage on the 9th day of November, 1898, to Miss May D. Divers, a daughter of Matthias and Martha (Wooldridge) Divers. Mrs. Schwartz is a native of Wisconsin, her birth having occurred in the township of Byron. She was reared at home and educated in the public schools of the district in which they lived. Her people were early settlers in

this county where they continued to live during the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Divers five children were born: Herbert; Altine; Charles; May D; and Byron. The mother died in 1900 and the father survived her until 1907, when he passed away at the age of ninety-four years. To Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz four children have been born: Alverda; Armel, who died at the age of twenty months; Lyle; and Clifford. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz are both members of the Congregational church of this city.

Mr. Schwartz is affiliated with the republican party and is an enthusiastic adherent of that great political organization. He is a member of the school board commission. He is a man of sterling qualities, an experienced salesman and one of the successful business men of Fond du Lac. He is ever found ready to associate himself with any meritorious measure, seeking the moral and intellectual betterment of the people in the community in which he lives.

JOHN COYNE.

A pioneer in Wisconsin's settlement, a worthy veteran of the Civil war, a factor in the agricultural development of Fond du Lac county and an able public official—these are the claims of John Coyne to the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He was born in Ireland, August 15, 1842, and is a son of John and Bridget (Fallen) Coyne, both natives of the Emerald isle. His father's birth occurred in 1807 and he remained in his native country until 1844. In the year he crossed the Atlantic to Canada, where he remained for twelve months, later going to Racine, Wisconsin, where he maintained his residence for three years. At the end of that time he removed to Eldorado township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and settled on a farm on section 11, where from 1846 until the time of his death, in 1891, he was active and successful as an agriculturist. He and his wife were numbered among the very earliest settlers in the district in which they resided. They were the parents of seven children: John, the subject of this sketch; May Ann; Bridget; Katie; Thomas, who is deceased; Ellen; and Thomas, the second of the name.

John Coyne came to America with his parents at an early age and settled with them in Eldorado township. He is now numbered among the earliest citizens of this district. When he was six years of age his parents resided upon a farm about one mile from the Menominee Indian village and the conditions of their life were extremely primitive. At one time there was a fight between two of the strongest Indians of the tribe, in which one was killed. The murderer was sentenced to be burned at the stake and Mr. Coyne's father, as a friend of the Indian agent, Mr. Smith, was granted permission to be present at the punishment. It was one of the most vivid recollections of his life, and he always remembered the sight of the condemned man, tied with bass-wood thongs to a stake which had been erected and surrounded by dry brush piled almost to his waist.

Mr. Coyne spent his childhood amid scenes of pioneer settlement. His education was limited. There were no schools in the district until he was fourteen years of age and when educational advantages were finally secured he was able to attend only during the winter months. He laid aside his books at the age of eighteen and worked upon the neighboring farms until 1862. On February 18th of that year he enlisted in Company C, Seventeenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war and served with distinction until August 20, 1865. On that date he was mustered out with honorable discharge at Madison, Wisconsin, having seen three years of hard service and having been twice wounded. With the exception of his three years in the army Mr. Coyne has been identified with farming throughout his life. He now owns one

hundred and twenty-seven and a half acres of land in Lamartine township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and has gained recognition among his fellow citizens as an expert and successful agriculturist. He keeps everything about his place in excellent condition and has attained practical results because his labors have always been progressive and systematic.

On September 18, 1865, Mr. Coyne was united in marriage to Miss Mary Connoughty, a daughter of John and Ann Connoughty, of Eldorado township. Mrs. Coyne was born on the 5th of August, 1842, and her parents were among the earliest settlers in Fond du Lac county, coming to this section of Wisconsin from Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Coyne have eight children: James J., a contractor and builder in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, who married Miss Myra Conoboy of Lamartine township, by whom he has two children, Margaret and John; Thomas F., who follows farming and who married Miss Mamie O'Connors, of Osceola, Wisconsin, by whom he has three children—Elden, Helen and Ethel; Ellen M., the wife of J. L. Liberty, a former resident of Medford, who is now extensively engaged in the real-estate business in Montana; Anna M., who married Thomas Shields, of Baraboo, Wisconsin, a machinist of Fond du Lac, by whom she has three children—Raymond, Lucille and Thomas; May, who became the wife of John O'Brien, a farmer of Osceola, Wisconsin; Katie, who married Fred Bonhauser, engaged in the railroad engineering business in North Fond du Lac, and who is now the mother of one child, Glenn; John, who lives at home; and Amanda, who is also with her parents.

In his political belief Mr. Coyne is a consistent democrat and has served his fellow citizens for two terms as supervisor and for a similar period as road superintendent. He has a record of thirty-three years continuous and able service as district clerk of the school board and has been during that time an active factor in educational expansion. He is a stockholder in one of the principal cheese factories in Lamartine township and his interest is always given to the promotion of local enterprises. There are degrees of financial success in the world, but no man can gain more personal recognition than is embodied in the title of an honest man. This tribute has never been denied Mr. Coyne, for his honesty and integrity of purpose dominate all his activities and influence his business and individual life.

CHARLES HARVEY LOOMIS.

Charles Harvey Loomis is one of the well known and successful farmers of Waupun township, where he is engaged in the cultivation of his farm located on sections 23 and 26. He was born at Ashford, Fond du Lac county, December 27, 1866, and is a son of Morris F. and Emily J. (Helmer) Loomis, the former of whom was born April 19, 1824. The paternal grandfather was Russell Loomis, who was born in Vienna, Oneida county, New York. Morris F. Loomis removed from the east in 1847 to Wisconsin and purchased eighty acres of government land in Eden township, having spent the winter in Racine cutting five hundred cords of wood with C. and F. Adekirk. In 1849 he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Raymond, of Auburn, Wisconsin and within two years they settled upon eighty acres in that town. They became the parents of six children: Amelia M., Inez C., Florian A., Frank, Irving W. and Edwin P. The two daughters and Edwin P. are now deceased. The mother of this family died March 11, 1864. In 1865 Mr. Loomis settled upon his homestead in Eden township and cleared both tracts of eighty acres. He cleared it of its heavy timber, making in all a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation and improved with all necessary buildings. The son, Frank Loomis, is now the owner of the eighty acres in Osceola township which was originally

purchased by his father. In May, 1865, Mr. Loomis was united in marriage to Miss Emily J. Helmer, of Lowville, Lewis county, New York, and they became the parents of two children: Charles Harvey, of this review; and George H. Mr. Loomis was affiliated with the republican party and was one of the first three justices of the peace to be elected in Eden township and is in every way entitled to be known as one of the early pioneers of Fond du Lac county.

Charles Harvey Loomis was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of New Cassel. At the age of fourteen he started in life for himself, finding his first employment as a farm laborer on the Atwood farm, in which occupation he continued for some time and later spent one winter in school, after which he was employed by Owen & Meicklejohn, with whom he continued for some time, and then worked on his present farm for his father and at his death inherited the place. The farm is located on sections 23 and 26 in the township of Waupun and there he established his home about 1893 and has since continued to devote his attention to the cultivation of that property.

Mr. Loomis was united in marriage on the 13th of April, 1887, to Miss Maggie Kelly, a daughter of Thomas and Rosa (Drumm) Kelly, who removed from Iowa to Wisconsin in 1860. Thomas and Rosa Kelly were the parents of fourteen children: Ellen, deceased; Michael, who was last heard of in Denver; John, James, Frances and Bridget, all of whom died of diphtheria within two weeks; Mary, who married Robert Welch, of Chicago; Lizzie, who became the wife of Michael Kerrigan, of Chicago; Andy; Patrick, also living in Chicago; Maggie, who became Mrs. Loomis; Rose, the wife of R. F. Gaske, of Chicago; Jane, who married Henry Welch, of Eden, Wisconsin; and Katie, who died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Loomis five children were born: T. Frank, who was born April 30, 1888; James R., born June 10, 1890, and Agnes J., born March 23, 1894, both of whom are attending school in preparation for the teachers profession; Charles H., whose birth occurred May 4, 1896; and Lillie R., who was born on the 8th of December, 1903. Mrs. Loomis died May 15, 1912. Mr. Loomis is a loyal member of the republican party and one of the well known and respected citizens of Fond du Lac county and a man who gives his support to every public enterprise which he believes will advance and improve the condition of the people of his county and state.

HON. JOHN SCOTT HORNER.

The prominent part which John Scott Horner played in shaping the history of Wisconsin and the district once termed the northwest territory entitles him to more than passing mention in a record of Ripon, of which city he was long an honored resident. He was born in Warrenton, Fauquier county, Virginia, December 5, 1802, and was the third son of Dr. Gustavus Brown Horner, assistant surgeon and nephew of Gustavus Brown, who was surgeon general of the Revolutionary army. His ancestors, Yorkshire people, resided near Ripon, England, and the family was founded in America by his paternal grandfather, who became a resident of Maryland during the pioneer epoch of its history and engaged in business there as a wholesale importing merchant. He was a near relative of Sir Francis Horner.

It was while inspecting the Maryland troops that Surgeon General Brown discovered his nephew, Gustavus Brown Horner, whom he took from the ranks, educated in his surgeon's tent and made an associate and assistant during the entire war. The young man later achieved success in the medical profession and in 1778 received from the Continental congress a commission as surgeon's mate. He was for a time stationed at Valley Forge and was at one time the

medical attendant of the Marquis Lafayette. In 1783 he removed to Warrenton, Virginia, where he married Frances Harrison Scott, a daughter of Captain James Scott, a Revolutionary officer who had clothed and armed his company at his own expense and had gallantly served under the command of Colonel Thomas Marshall.

John Scott Horner, when ten years of age, was sent to a private boarding school near Middleburg, Loudoun county, Virginia, but his education was interrupted by the death of his father. In 1817, however, he entered Washington College of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated two years later. He engaged in the practice of law in his native state until September, 1835. On the 9th of that month President Andrew Jackson appointed him secretary and acting governor of the territory of Michigan, which then included Wisconsin and Iowa. He immediately started for Detroit to assume the duties of his office and the record he made therein has long been a matter of history. The following account appeared in the *Wheeling (Virginia) Gazette*, on February 27, 1836: "We were a little startled two or three weeks ago on observing in the *Columbia Hemisphere*, under the head of 'Renewal of Hostilities,' a letter from Toledo, giving an account of the perpetration of fresh disorders in the disputed territory, from which we apprehend a reacting of the exciting scenes of last summer. The account represented that the Michigan state authorities had attempted to collect taxes from the residents of the territory in question; that this had been resisted by the persons taxed, and that the Michigan authorities had thereupon seized the cattle and horses which they proceeded to sell at public auction; that in addition to this seizure a dwelling house had been broken open and a large amount of personal property taken and sold; that the Ohioans had in consequence collected in some force and seized the officer who, being set at large on bail, had sworn vengeance and was prepared to raise a mob to carry his threats into effect. Such was the substance of the account and the history of the last summer having proved the utterly lawless character of the people of the disputed territory, we daily expected to hear of these threats being carried into execution and were at a loss to know why they were not. The last Ohio papers, however, give the reason, and in so doing furnish high testimony to the gallant bearing of the pacificator. It seems that as soon as intelligence of the excitement reached Detroit, the governor, unaccompanied, so far as we are able to learn, by a single person, set off with all possible speed to the disputed territory. Though politically obnoxious to the turbulent spirits he had to meet he threw himself among them at the hazard of his life and commanded them to disperse and abandon their design. The hearts of the sternest cowed under his rebuke and the agitators of war became the suppliants of his clemency. In a word, the men quietly returned to their home and perfect order was restored. No parleying, no delay was admitted; the whole was the work of the instant and the tumult was thus subdued by the heroic bearing of the executive, but for which the frontier might, and probably would, have been desolated, the militia been called upon to repair to the field of action at this inclement season of the year, and if blood were not shed an immense pecuniary loss would have at least been sustained. Though politically opposed to the appointment of the governor and though we wrote a paragraph or two at the time and aided in the circulation of others which reflected upon the sagacity of the president in making it, yet we have not been prejudiced observers of that gentleman's public career. We have watched him impartially and are compelled to admit that on all occasions Governor Horner has proved himself equal to every emergency. It will be recollected that he repaired to Michigan shortly after the mission of Messrs. Rush and Howard, in which those gentlemen, among the most talented and distinguished in our country, utterly failed to make any impression upon the semi-barbarians whom they went out to pacify and subdue, and immediately after another distinguished citizen, Judge Shaler, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, had declined a similar service. At this juncture Mr. Horner was appointed.

He resided in the interior of Virginia and was, as we have learned, in possession of a very lucrative practice at the time of his appointment, and in accepting it he made a great sacrifice of professional emolument and domestic repose, and we question, when his appointment shall expire, by the recognition of Michigan as a state, if the national executive can, by any offer he can confer on him, more than compensate him for this sacrifice. On arriving within the territory in the prosecution of his duties Governor Horner's address, as we learn from an eye-witness, was consummate. It was the combination of personal fearlessness, tact and prudence. One occasion, as we learn from the same authority, he appeared in the midst of the Michigan troops who had threatened to assassinate him, mounted a stump and made an address which changed the lion of their natures into the gentleness of the lamb, and all separated on terms of amity. He had so far trenched upon the foothold of Governor Mason, the popular idol, as to make it somewhat questionable whether he has not gained a standing with the people equal, at least, to that gentleman's. Will not our whig friends of the Richmond Compiler, Fredericksburg Arena and the Culpepper paper in Virginia, who with ourselves have done this gallant officer injustice, indorse the recantation of the wrong by copying this article?"

Governor Horner, as is seen by the above article, which appeared in a paper strongly opposed to him in politics, did much to allay the hostile feeling then existing between the people of the territory and the state of Ohio, in reference to the boundary question. Subsequently he was appointed secretary of the territory of Wisconsin and received orders from President Jackson to make his headquarters near the Mississippi river, in order to meet the apprehended difficulty between the Winnebago Indians and the settlers in the mineral region of Wisconsin. On his arrival he learned that the tribe was besieging Fort Winnebago. Taking with him a single guide he made a perilous journey of eighty miles to Fort Crawford, called upon General Zachary Taylor for a force of one hundred and twenty men and with them proceeded to the relief of the fort. Arriving there he demanded a council with the Indians and received a reply from the chiefs that they were "falling to pieces" from starvation, owing to the non-payment of annuities due them from the United States. Upon hearing this Governor Horner promptly took the responsibility of issuing an order to deliver the starving Indians one-half of the pork and flour in the military stores of the fort. This action prevented an Indian war and was highly approved by General Jackson, and congress passed an act granting to Governor Horner one thousand dollars as a recognition of his services. As the secretary of the territory of Wisconsin, his career was distinguished by ability and integrity, and he received many evidences of the confidence of the people and of the general government. After his retirement from that office, he was appointed by President Jackson to the position of register of the Green Bay land office, and by successive appointments by Presidents Van Buren and Tyler, held that office for thirteen years. He also served for four years as probate judge of the counties of Green Lake and Marquette, in the state of Wisconsin.

Early in life Governor Horner distinguished himself by his advocacy of slave emancipation and the records of the Virginia courts show many evidences of his success as an advocate for bondsmen suing for their freedom. His sincerity in the cause was proven by his promptitude in freeing the slaves descended to him from his father's estate, which he did soon after becoming of age, an act as rare at that early day as commendable.

John Scott Horner was the original owner of the present site of Ripon, having purchased the land from the government at a public land sale in Green Bay, November 5, 1838. When the town was platted he gave to it its name in honor of the home of his ancestors in England. His last days were here passed in quiet retirement and on the 3d of February, 1883, at the age of eighty-one years, he passed away. In early manhood he had married Harriet Love Watson, a native of Virginia, who survived him for two months. Several of their chil-

dren died in early life while five reached adult age: Andrew, who removed from Ripon to Albert Lea, Minnesota, and died there May 29, 1889; William H., who was a graduate of the law department of the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor and for twenty years was a prominent attorney and jurist of St. Louis, Missouri, having been elected for a second term as judge of the circuit court when his death occurred October 23, 1886; Mrs. Elizabeth L. Burling, of Ripon; Mary, the wife of William Lucas, of Green Lake, Wisconsin; and Gustavus F., a prominent business man of Ripon.

Governor Horner from the period of his early residence in this state bore active part in shaping its history and molding its destiny. His life work has found place in the annals of the state. He is perhaps best described in his personal characteristics by one of his biographers, Dr. Edward Huntington Merrell, who said: "Personally Governor Horner was a marked man. His form was erect even in age, his presence being at once dignified and winning. His manners were those of the cultivated gentleman of the old school, and his home life, surrounded by his three sons and two daughters, was gentle, but firmly authoritative and wise. His moral instincts were keen, as evidenced by the manumission of his slaves, his exact justice as an officer and his intelligent patriotism. The poor were never turned from his door unfriended, and his hospitality to strangers was generous and free. His life was temperate, 'abstaining wholly from the use of ardent spirits.' I find in a writing left by him this quaint and ingenious confession: 'I have deplored the early and continuous use of tobacco and bear testimony to its injurious effect both on the mind and the body, and I attribute most of my sickness or failure in life to its effects.'" He was a sincerely religious man, a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, whose worship he steadily sustained, even in the primitive conditions of his Green Lake neighborhood.

LOUIS STRATZ.

Agriculture in its modern phases of development finds a worthy representative in Louis Stratz, who is cultivating two hundred and ninety-nine acres of land in Lamartine township and is also carrying on stock-raising extensively. He is known as a skilful dealer in horses and has gained state-wide recognition in this branch of activity. He is a native son of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred in Lamartine township, June 13, 1862. His father, Martin Stratz, was born in Baden, Germany, and came to Wisconsin when he was twenty-one years of age. He settled on a farm of fifty acres in Lamartine township and began its development. When he retired in 1897, at the age of eighty years, he owned one hundred and sixty acres of the most productive and fertile land in Wisconsin, which he had brought by his unaided efforts to a high state of development. He is now living in Woodhull with his son-in-law, J. L. Fisher. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Maria Lehmann, was also a native of Baden, Germany, and was married in that country. She died in Fond du Lac county on September 13, 1907. She was the mother of seven children: Joseph, of Oshkosh, who married Mary Gau, by whom she has six children; John, who married Emily Elmer, of Monticello, by whom he also has six children; Minnie, who became the wife of Stephen Lizowa, of Lamartine, and died in 1880, leaving two children; Mary, the wife of Jacob L. Fisher, a merchant of Woodhull; Martin, who married Paulina Fischer, of Lamartine, by whom he has four children; Emma, the wife of Michael Giebel, of Lamartine, by whom she has five children; and Louis.

Louis Stratz was reared at home and educated in the public schools of Woodhull until he was sixteen years of age. He has always been a farmer and has been acquainted with the most progressive and efficient methods of tilling the soil since his early childhood. He remained with his father upon the farm until 1893, in which year he purchased two hundred and ninety-nine acres of fertile land in the township of Lamartine and cultivated and improved it along lines of development until it is now one of the model properties in Fond du Lac county. He specializes in the raising of high-grade stock and his stables contain thirty-five head of graded Holstein cattle. He is the most noted and largest horse dealer in the state of Wisconsin and in this capacity buys and sells more animals annually than any other one man. He has become an expert judge of horse flesh and his opinions and advice are eagerly sought.

On October 19, 1893, Mr. Stratz was united in marriage at Lamartine to Miss Maggie Schmidt, a daughter of Jacob and Christina Schmidt, of that city. The parents were pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county and the father was for many years one of the representative agriculturists of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Stratz are the parents of four children: Leonora, born August 14, 1895; Albin, whose birth occurred on December 18, 1898; Della, born May 20, 1899; and Helena, born April 5, 1903.

Politically Mr. Stratz is independent of party lines and casts his ballot for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position. He was road superintendent of Lamartine township for many years and in this capacity was a distinct influence in the improvement of the public highways of this section of Wisconsin. He is a stockholder in the Lamartine Peat Company and also in the Woodhull Telephone Company. He gives his allegiance to the Roman Catholic church. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in an agricultural way and Fond du Lac county is richer in its citizenship and resources by his honorable and upright life.

JOHN C. FISHER.

The life of John C. Fisher, who owns and operates a well improved and valuable farm of a hundred and twenty-five acres in Lamartine township, has been in no way extraordinary. It contains the usual number of hardships and rewards, failures and achievements encountered by the average man whose success has been won through his individual effort. He is one of Wisconsin's native sons, his birth having occurred at Alto, Dodge county, on the 16th of December, 1865, and he is of German extraction. His father, Paul Fisher, was born in Baden in 1828, and there passed the first twenty-five years of his life. The call of the new world, together with the stories he had heard regarding the wonderful achievements of his fellow countrymen, proving irresistible he emigrated to the United States in 1853, coming direct to this state. Soon thereafter he bought a hundred and twenty acres of land on Alto township and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He subsequently sold sixty acres of his holding, but continued to apply himself to the improvement and cultivation of the remainder of his tract until he passed away in 1894. His early experiences were very similar to those of the other pioneer farmers, and many were the hardships and obstacles he encountered. He was not easily discouraged, however, and persistently applied himself to the achievement of his purpose with the determination that invariably brings success. The mother, whose maiden name was Sophia Murke, was born in Austria, whence she came to Ripon, Wisconsin, at the age of twenty-four years, and there she was subsequently married to Mr. Fisher. Their family numbered eleven, our subject being the fourth in order of birth. The others are as follows: Peter, a farmer, who married Augusta

Barron, of Ripon, who passed away in 1900, leaving one child; August, a telegraph operator, who passed away in 1908 leaving a widow, formerly Miss Paulina Baron of Ripon, and four children; May, whose death occurred at the age of sixteen years; Jacob L., a general merchant at Woodhull, this state, who married Miss Mary Stratz of Lamartine; Rosella, who became the wife of George A. Fisher, a farmer of Lamartine, by whom she had seven children; Joseph, a farmer, who married Clementine Smith and has four children; Theobald, the proprietor of a creamery in Eland, Wisconsin, who married Lena Morris, who passed away in 1903; Katie, a resident of this state and the wife of J. T. McMahan, who is a blacksmith; Anna, who married Charles W. McGregor, a farmer of Lamartine; and Lena, a nurse in the Catholic hospital at Appleton.

Reared on the farm where he was born John C. Fisher acquired his education in the district schools of Rosendale township, which he attended until he was a youth of sixteen years. Having early been trained to agricultural pursuits he subsequently obtained employment as a farm hand in this vicinity, following that vocation for thirteen years. About eight years of this time he was located in South Dakota, but preferring Wisconsin as a place of permanent residence he later settled in Fond du Lac county and in 1897 bought sixty acres of land in Lamartine township. The cultivation of this tract proved so remunerative that he was later able to increase his holdings until he now owns a hundred and twenty-five acres of fertile land. He is a man of definite purpose, whose ideas are well organized and systematically executed, as is evidenced by the general appearance of his property. He takes much pride in his farm and annually adds to its value by installing further improvements. Since acquiring the place he has erected an eight-room residence, a new barn and some outbuildings, and various modern conveniences, and labor-saving equipment. He has every machine or implement required by the modern agriculturist or stock man, and everything about his farm manifests the competent supervision and capable management of a man of intelligence and good judgment. In connection with diversified farming Mr. Fisher engages in stock-raising and owns thirty-five head of cattle and five horses, and engages in dairying to some extent.

At Lamartine on the 15th of October, 1894, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Louisa A. Fisher, a daughter of George and Barbara Fisher, farming people of this township who located here during the pioneer period. Of this marriage there has been born one son, Paul W.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church. Although he takes an active interest in all local affairs Mr. Fisher has never identified himself with any political party, but gives his support to the men he considers best qualified to serve the highest interests of the community. He is highly regarded and has several times been called to public office, having served with efficiency as road supervisor for fifteen years, while for a long period he was a member of the school board. Mr. Fisher takes an interest in the development of the various local industries, particularly those directly affecting the interests of the agriculturist, and is one of the stockholders of the Lamartine Creamery Company. He is respected by his neighbors and fellow townsmen, whose confidence he has won through his uprightness in his business transactions and his capable manner of discharging his public duties. He has many friends in the community of long years' standing.

GUSTAF A. HAUSMANN, D. D. S.

Dr. Gustaf A. Hausmann is one of the well known and successful dentists of Waupun, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession since 1911. He was born on the 14th of November, 1888, at Elmore, Wisconsin, and is a son of Dr. William and Charlotte (Fleishmann) Hausmann, the former

a native of New York and the latter of Elmore, this state. The paternal grandfather, Edward E. Hausmann was a native of Bavaria, Germany. Dr. William Hausmann, the father, was an only child. He settled in Elmore, Wisconsin, at an early day and later located at Kewaskum, where he died in 1902. He was a physician and was the first student of Dr. Nicholas Senn, the noted Chicago surgeon. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Hausmann were born five children, namely: N. Edward, a practicing physician of Kewaskum; Elizabeth, the wife of Judge A. C. Backus, of Milwaukee; William, Jr., a dentist of West Bend, Wisconsin; Karl F., a dentist of Kewaskum; and Gustaf A.

The last named was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Washington county. After passing through the lower grades he was later graduated from the high school at Kewaskum. He took up the study of dentistry in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and after completing the required course was graduated from that institution in 1911. Immediately following his graduation he established himself in business in Waupun, where he has since continued in the active practice of his profession and has met with gratifying success. He was appointed as one of the dentists to attend to the dental work at the state penitentiary.

Dr. Hausmann was united in marriage on the 14th of November, 1908, to Miss Matilda Schoofs who was born January 13, 1889, and is a daughter of John and Barbara (Reimer) Schoofs, both of whom are natives of the Rhine province, Germany. The father emigrated to Wisconsin in the late '50s and has since continued a resident of this state. To Dr. and Mrs. Hausmann two children have been born: Gustaf N., who was born June 7, 1910; and Richard C., February 26, 1912. Dr. Hausmann is affiliated with the republican party and is one of the successful dentists in the city. He is a man always associated with movements of interest to the public intended to improve the conditions of the community in which he lives.

MATTHIAS WAGNER.

The commercial interests of Fond du Lac find a worthy and enterprising representative in Matthias Wagner, president of the Wagner Dry Goods Company, whose identification with this line of trade covers more than a half century. He began clerking in a dry-goods store in 1859 and since 1878 has carried on business on his own account. He was born in the Rhine Province of Prussia, Germany, near Coblenz, December 15, 1839, his parents being Nicholas and Maria (Thelen) Wagner, who were born in the parish of Wanderraht, Germany, and were there buried. The father was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife were of the Catholic faith. His death occurred when he had reached the age of sixty-six years while Mrs. Wagner passed away when but forty-six years of age. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Johann Wagner who married a Miss Heimerman and unto them were born four sons and a daughter, Johann, Nicholas, Matthias, Peter and Anna Maria. The maternal grandfather, Johann Thelen, devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits and reared a family of ten children of whom six reached adult age, Maria, Lena, Anna, Henry, Theodore and Peter.

Matthias Wagner, whose name introduces this record, spent the first sixteen years of his life in Germany where he acquired his education. He came to America in 1856 and established his home in Fond du Lac where he has since lived. He is therefore numbered among its old settlers, its history having been long familiar to him. He first entered the employ of Mr. Lange, proprietor of a cabinet shop and furniture store and subsequently was employed in a grocery and candy store. In 1859 he secured a clerkship in a dry-goods store, and find-

ing that pursuit congenial he has since continued in that field of labor. Economy and industry brought to him the capital necessary to engage in business on his own account. In 1878 he formed a partnership with Fred Rueping, and for fifteen years business was conducted under the firm style of M. Wagner & Company. A change in the partnership led to the adoption of the firm name of M. Wagner & Sons, and in 1903 the business was incorporated as the Wagner Dry Goods Company. They employ a large force of clerks and conduct an extensive business. They have a large and well selected line of goods such as the leading markets of the world afford, and their sales reach a gratifying annual figure, for the reliable business methods of the house commend them to the confidence and patronage of the public. In the conduct of the business Mr. Wagner has ever followed progressive methods and held to a high standard of commercial ethics.

On the 13th of November, 1865, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Ernestine Trebschuh, who was born in Hildburghausen, Saxony, Germany, as were her parents, Carl and Anna (Voght) Trebschuh, who in 1854 crossed the Atlantic and became residents of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Ten years later they removed to Fond du Lac where the father was engaged as a mason and paper hanger. He died in this city at the venerable age of eighty-three years while his wife reached the age of seventy-three. Mrs. Wagner was their only child, and by her marriage she has become the mother of two sons and a daughter, Carl H., Adolph N. and Anna Matilda, the sons being now in business with their father. The elder married Miss Julia Tuerwaechter and they have two children, Carl and Ernestine. Adolph N. Wagner wedded Lillian Weber, and they have three children, Gladys, Arthur and Edwin. Anna Matilda Wagner is the wife of T. H. O'Brien of this city and they have two children, Elsie and Alice.

In politics Mr. Wagner has always been independent, supporting men and measures independent of party. Fraternally he is connected with Fond du Lac Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., Darling Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M. and Fond du Lac Commandery, No. 5, K. T. He is loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft and in his life exemplifies its beneficent and helpful spirit. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home and fortune in the new world. Coming to America at the age of sixteen years possessed of no capital save energy and determination, he has continuously worked his way upward and now, at the age of seventy-three, occupies a prominent and honorable position in the business circles of his adopted city, his life work being recognized as a valuable element in the commercial progress and prosperity here. His record has at all times been straightforward and his life history contains many valuable lessons which others might profitably follow.

THOMAS M. TURNER.

Thomas M. Turner is one of the well known business men of Waupun where he is engaged in the shoe manufacturing industry since 1905. He was born in Virden, Illinois, September 28, 1871, and is a son of William and Matilda (Mortimer) Turner, both of whom were natives of England, the father of Yorkshire and the mother of Somersetshire. They emigrated to America in the early '60s, settling in Macoupon county, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming until the time of his death.

Thomas M. Turner was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Illinois, and after passing through the lower grades was graduated from the high school at Virden. He then pursued a course of study at Lake Forest University of Lake Forest, Illinois, and was graduated from the law department of that institution with the class of '92, and was admitted to

the bar of Illinois. Immediately following his graduation he engaged in the practice of law in Chicago in which he continued for the succeeding eleven years. In 1905 he gave up the practice of law and removed to Waupun, Wisconsin. Soon after the organization of the Palma Shoe Company he became one of the stockholders in that corporation, and in 1906 was made secretary and treasurer of the company, in which relation he has since continued, and takes an active interest in the management of the factory.

Mr. Turner was married in Chicago, July 15, 1899, to Miss Dorothy Green, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Green, residents of Alto, Wisconsin. The Green family was from Vermont and were early settlers here coming with their parents when young. To Mr. and Mrs. Turner four children were born, three of whom are living, George G., Mortimer W. and Arthur R., while Carl is deceased. Mr. Turner is a member of the Star and Crescent Lodge, No. 95, K. P., of which he is chancellor commander. He is secretary of the police and fire commission of Waupun and Mrs. Turner is a member of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Turner is one of the enterprising and respected citizens of his part of the state and always interested in every public measure intended to advance and improve the conditions of the people in the community in which he lives.

FRANK SCHAEFER.

Farming has always been one of the principal sources of wealth in Fond du Lac county and the men who give their energies and activities to scientific agriculture in this region are representative citizens. One of the most careful and systematic farmers in Lamartine township is Frank Schaefer, who is now actively engaged in the cultivation of an extensive farm in that section and who is also well known in the business circles of Woodhull as an enterprising and able stockholder in some of its most important business concerns.

He was born in Lamartine township February 17, 1866, and is a son of Joseph and Mary Agnes (Henschemacher) Schaefer, natives of Germany, who came to Wisconsin in 1846. The father learned the trade of cabinet-making in his native country and followed it for some time in Fond du Lac county. He eventually bought land in Calumet county and was successful in its cultivation and operation until his death in 1904. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children: Mary, who became the wife of John Schnur, a farmer of Lamartine township, by whom she has three children; Daniel, who is now a farmer and married Miss Tina Lichtenberg of Dodge county, by whom he has one child; Katie, who married Casper Hoffman, a blacksmith, by whom she has nine children; Joseph, who married Margaret Stegar and is now the father of four children; Elizabeth, the wife of Casper Jagdfeld, proprietor of a hotel in Fond du Lac, by whom she has four children; John, a farmer of Fond du Lac county who married Elizabeth Faber by whom he has two children; Michael, engaged in agricultural pursuits in Fond du Lac county, who married Rose Powers, by whom he has three children; Frederika, who became the wife of Matthew Molitor, a wagon maker of Fond du Lac by whom she has five children; Mathias, deceased, who married Anna Simms, and was the father of two children; Frank, the subject of this sketch; and Anna, who married Edward Boehmer, a molder, by whom she has one child.

Frank Schaefer was educated in the Lamartine district schools and pursued his studies until he was nineteen years of age. He worked upon the home farm during his early boyhood and youth and has always been identified with agriculture with the exception of three years which he spent as a traveling salesman in the employ of the Huber Manufacturing Company and four years as local

representative of the same concern in Fond du Lac. He began his independent agricultural career in 1903 when he bought his present farm in Lamartine township and commenced its development. He believes in crop rotation and in modern methods of farm sanitation and is one of the representative men of his district whose lives and activities are doing so much to promote the welfare of the sections in which they reside along systematic and efficient lines. He has been active in gaining for Lamartine township improved public roads and efficient drainage. He is rapidly making his mark in agricultural circles and by reason of his energy, activity and careful methods of farming has gained a gratifying degree of prosperity and the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

On February 12, 1895, Mr. Schaefer was united in marriage to Miss Emma Weiss, a daughter of Seraph and Lina (Pohlman) Weiss of Eden. The father was a substantial and prosperous farmer in this section for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer are the parents of four children, Edward J., Marie E., Earl F. and Norbert W. In his politics Mr. Schaefer is an independent democrat and has served his fellow citizens in many different capacities. He has been town treasurer for two years and held the same position on the school board. He gave twelve years of active and efficient service as road superintendent and the public thoroughfares of Fond du Lac county have profited by this ability and enterprise. He belongs to the Mystic Circle and is active in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America. He affiliates with St. John's Catholic church of Lamartine, holds membership in St. Michael's Society, an organization connected with that institution, and his religion is an influential force in his life and he is well known as a prominent factor in church affairs. He has been treasurer of the business organization of St. John's church for some time. He gives most of his attention to farming but does not allow it to absorb his energies to the exclusion of his interest in public affairs or his connection with business enterprises. He is one of the organizers of the Woodhull Telephone Company and is now a director of the Rosendale Insurance Company. He is distinguished by that quality of public spirit which makes him an eager supporter of any movement looking to the further development of scientific agriculture and to the universal adoption of modern farming methods.

ALBERT L. WILLIAMS.

Albert L. Williams is one of the prominent farmers and stock-raisers in Lamartine township, where he owns an excellent tract of three hundred acres and gives his time to its general cultivation and improvement and to the work of raising pure-bred cattle and horses. He was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, July 11, 1861, and is the son of Thomas and Catherine (Williams) Williams, natives of Wales. The father was born February 26, 1830, and when he was nineteen years of age came to America. He settled in New York state, where he remained for six years, coming to Watertown when he was twenty-five years of age. He purchased land and at the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1912, owned four hundred acres of highly improved and developed land in Dodge county. He and his wife were the parents of four children: William J., who married Miss Anna Jones, of Watertown, by whom he has two children, Thomas and Catherine; Lizzie A., who became the wife of David Owen, of Jefferson county, by whom she has five children, Bessie, Catherine, Margaret, Walter and David, Jr.; Albert L., the subject of this sketch; Winfield, who is a real-estate dealer in Lowell, Wisconsin, and who married Miss Mary Mulcha, by whom he has two children, Lester and Catherine.

Albert L. Williams was reared at home and was educated in the common schools of Dodge county. He later attended the University at Watertown, leav-



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ing this institution when he was twenty years of age. He made a wise use of every opportunity along this line and fitted himself for teaching, which occupation he followed for twelve years. In 1893 he became an independent agriculturalist, buying land on section 30 of Lamartine township, to which he has added at various times until he now owns three hundred acres in a high state of cultivation. One hundred and fifty head of pure-bred Holstein cattle and ten horses are kept upon the farm and his success has gained for him recognition as an expert judge and a successful stock-raiser. He is a stockholder and director in the Wisconsin Mutual Life Insurance Company of Oshkosh and is treasurer of the local cheese and butter factory, with which he has been identified for five years. In his business life he has shown a comprehension of modern conditions and a grasp of present-day methods which is only equalled by his agricultural efficiency.

Mr. Williams was married on October 29, 1892, to Miss Nettie Ramsey, a daughter of A. A. and Jeannette Ramsey, of Watertown, and to their union have been born two children, Chester A. and Walter W. Mr. Williams is a republican in his political belief and for fifteen years did able and conscientious work as clerk of the school board. He served for twelve years as road superintendent and has never been known to shirk public duty although he has never sought an office. He belongs to the Methodist church. He has always been honored in his community for his business integrity and has gained wide recognition for honesty and directness of purpose. He has spent most of his life in farming and has expanded his knowledge and experience constantly to meet modern conditions.

CHARLES ARTHUR BEEBE, M. D.

In the choice of the medical profession as a life work Dr. Beebe seems to have selected a calling for which he was especially fitted. He has deep interest in the work from a scientific and humanitarian standpoint and his studies have covered a wide range. In visits to some of the leading hospitals of the old world he has broadened his knowledge and promoted his efficiency, coming in touch with the advanced methods of some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons of Europe. He has practiced continuously in Fond du Lac since the 1st of November, 1899, and in the intervening years has gained a liberal patronage. He was born in Portland, New York, December 25, 1853, a son of Warren Sylvester Beebe. The family was founded in Connecticut at an early day and the grandfather of the Doctor removed from New England to New York, both he and his wife spending their last days in Orleans county, that state, each being between sixty and seventy years of age at the time of death. They had a family of nine children, including Aaron, Orvin, Chester, Horace, Warren, Clarissa, Sarah and others whose names are not remembered. Of this family Warren S. Beebe became the father of Dr. Beebe. He was reared in Orleans county, New York, and for a time engaged in newspaper publication but afterward owned and cultivated a farm in Chautauqua county, New York. Later he became a traveling salesman and to that work devoted his energies throughout his remaining days. He held various township offices and was well known and prominent in the community in which he resided. He died in 1905 at the age of seventy-seven years and his wife passed away in Hamlet, New York, on June 5, 1912. Both were members of the Baptist church. Mrs. Beebe bore the maiden name of Mary Hulburt. Her father settled on a farm at Portland, Chautauqua county, New York, when about eighteen years of age and continued to make that place his home until he departed this life at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife was about eighty-seven years of age at the time

of her demise. She was a daughter of a Revolutionary war hero. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hulburt were nine children, Lydia Ann, David, Jane, Mary, Harvey, Franklin, Clark, Ellen and Bradley. Of these Mary became the wife of Warren S. Beebe and the mother of five children: Charles A.; Clark H., who is living near Forestville, New York; Ella, the wife of Smith Rutenberg, residing near Hamlet, New York; Elsie, the wife of Lee Butler of Painsville, Ohio; and Warren, who died at the age of twenty-two years.

Dr. Beebe was reared in Chautauqua county, New York, remaining upon the home farm until fourteen years of age. He supplemented his country school education by study in the academy at Forestville, and then took up the study of medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, being graduated from the Cleveland Medical College, now known as the Western Reserve College, with the class of 1882. He located for practice at Marshall, Dane county, Wisconsin, as successor to his uncle, one of the pioneer physicians of that place in which he had located in 1848. Dr. C. A. Beebe continued there for seventeen years and then went abroad for further study, spending a year in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he devoted his time to post-graduate work. He also visited London, Dublin, Berlin and Paris, and in those cities investigated the methods and teachings of the leading medical colleges, so he was splendidly equipped for his professional duties upon his return to the United States. He has always read broadly along medical and surgical lines and his investigations and researches have given him efficiency that places him with the most successful members of the profession in this part of the state. On the 1st of November, 1899, Dr. Beebe came to Fond du Lac where he has since practiced, and in his work here has been very successful.

On the 19th of February, 1874, Dr. Charles A. Beebe was united in marriage to Miss Ella S. Martin, a daughter of George W. and Sophronia (Thompson) Martin. Mrs. Beebe was born in Arkright, Chautauqua county, New York, and her parents were also natives of the Empire state, in fact her father was born upon the farm where her birth occurred. Both he and his wife died at an advanced age while residing in the east. They were parents of ten children, Edgar W., Charles H., George L., Ella S., Durell C., James E., Anna G., Frank E., Hattie E., and Otis J. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beebe have been born two sons, the elder of whom, Dr. Pearl Arthur Beebe, is a practicing physician of Glenwood, Wisconsin, who married Miss Jessie Carver and has one daughter, Marjorie. Horace Merle, the younger son, is a civil engineer of Chicago.

Dr. and Mrs. Beebe hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are interested in all those forces and agencies which work for reform, improvement and righteousness. Politically Dr. Beebe has always been a republican and for two terms served as president of the Fond du Lac city council. He was also president of the school board for two terms and is interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and progress of the community, yet his activities center upon his professional duties. He is a member of the Fond du Lac County and Wisconsin State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association.

CHARLES CHAPMAN GRAFTON.

Charles Chapman Grafton, bishop of Fond du Lac and regarded as the leading high churchman in the United States, was a man whose gigantic intellect and indomitable force found even balance in a heart whose sympathies were broad. He was Fond du Lac's most honored citizen, but a man of his caliber was too great to designate as a citizen of a community. He belonged to the people at large and his influence reached out to every region in which the Episcopal form

of service is followed and, indeed, to many others, for his words of wisdom, written and spoken, sank deep into many hearts and in time bore rich fruit.

Charles Chapman Grafton was born at Boston, April 12, 1830, and passed away in Fond du Lac, on the 30th of August, 1912, having thus passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey. His parents were, Joseph and Anna Maria (Gurley) Grafton. He pursued his studies in the Boston Latin School, and afterward entered Harvard, completing a course in the law department. Having determined to prepare for holy orders, he pursued his divinity studies under Bishop Whittingham, of Maryland, and became a deacon of the Episcopal church, December 23, 1855. He was ordained priest May 30, 1858, and his first official service in connection with the church was as assistant at Reisters-town, Maryland. He afterward became missionary at Baltimore and later was assistant minister of St. Paul's church in that city and chaplain to the Maryland Deaconesses. Nature seemed to have fitted him for his chosen life work as well as the earnest desire that led to his complete consecration to his calling. His activities were of a constantly broadening scope and his influence a constantly increasing force. In England, in 1865, in connection with the Rev. R. M. Benson, he organized the Society of St. John the Evangelist, a religious brotherhood, known as "The Cowley Fathers." Following his return to the new world he acted as rector of the Church of the Advent in Boston from 1872 until 1888, and his sixteen years' ministry there resulted in great growth in the church and its kindred interests. While in Boston he established an affiliated house of the St. Margaret's Sisterhood of England, and in 1882 he organized the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity. His influence and efforts extended to every field wherein the intellectual and moral advancement of the people is concerned. He was the founder of Grafton Hall, a high-class seminary for young ladies at Fond du Lac. He revived for the American church the Ancient Order of St. Benedict.

Bishop Grafton was recognized as one of the most earnest, forceful and eloquent speakers that have ever represented the Episcopal ministry. Added to this, he had great executive power and in systematizing the various branches of church work he added greatly to its efficiency. His written words, too, carried weight and his writings include a volume entitled "Vocation," or "Call of the Divine Master to a Sister's Life;" "Plain Suggestions for a Reverent Celebration of the Holy Communion;" "Christian and Catholic;" "An Atlas of Theology;" "The Lineage of the American Church;" "A Journey Godward" (being his autobiography), and "Fond du Lac Tracts." His native ability, his liberal education and most of all his unfaltering zeal in behalf of the cause which he preached brought him to a foremost place as a representative of the Episcopal church in America and made him as well widely known abroad. He passed away after an illness of several months; but who can say where his influence shall cease. A philosopher has said: "Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success." How great, therefore, was the success of Bishop Charles Chapman Grafton.

JAMES WHOOLEY.

James Whooley is one of the well known and successful farmers of Fond du Lac county. He is a native of that county, his birth having occurred February 12, 1863, and is a son of James and Ellen (Halley) Whooley, both of whom were natives of Ireland, who as young people emigrated to America, settling in Massachusetts, where they later celebrated their wedding. The father emigrated to America in company with two brothers and on reaching the new world was for some time engaged in railroad work in Massachusetts. He invested the

first of his savings in a team which shortly after was destroyed by fire and he thereby suffered the entire loss of his first hard-earned American money. However, he did not become discouraged and again returned to work as a common laborer and after having saved a small sum of money he removed to Wisconsin, settling at Waupun at the time when the railroad was being built into that city. For two years he was engaged as a laborer on the construction of that road and at the same time successfully conducted a boarding house in Waupun. The railroad company later went into the hands of a receiver and he sustained a loss in wages earned of seven hundred dollars. He continued, however, at various kinds of employment for two years after the failure of the railroad and then purchased a farm of forty acres, to which he continued to add by additional purchase until he was the owner in fee simple of four hundred and forty acres of valuable Wisconsin land. In 1877 he was seriously injured in a runaway accident and was never afterward able to devote himself to active work. After that unfortunate occurrence the sons conducted the operation of the farm for their father and met with gratifying success. Mr. Whooley continued to reside upon his large farm until the time of his death, which occurred February 7, 1907, at the age of eighty-nine years. He was a member of the Catholic church as is also his widow, who has reached the age of seventy-eight years. He was affiliated with the democratic party but was independent of party ties in regard to local political matters. To Mr. and Mrs. James Whooley, Sr., nine children were born: Mary, the wife of Dennis Cane; Margaret, deceased; Michael, who is an engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad; James, of this review; John, who resides on the home farm; Daniel, who died at the age of five years; Agnes, at home; William, deceased; and Anna, at home. All of the children received their education in the public schools.

James Whooley, Jr., is one of the surviving heirs to his father's estate. He and his brothers own five hundred acres of highly developed farm lands in Wisconsin, to the operation of which they give their attention, and are among the prominent and successful farmers of Fond du Lac county.

EDWARD C. PRINSEN.

Edward C. Prinsen, manager of the Royal Theatre, has been identified with the business interests of Fond du Lac for two years. As he is an earnest, enterprising young man and has manifested a high sense of commercial integrity in his transactions, he has made a very favorable impression during the brief period of his residence here and has made many friends. He was born in Waupun, this county, on the 17th of August, 1890, and is a son of John A. and Dena (Ter Beest) Prinsen. The father was born in Holland in 1863, but the mother is a native of Wisconsin, her birth having occurred in Alto. When a lad of ten years John A. Prinsen emigrated to the United States, locating in Sheboygan county, where he subsequently obtained employment in a shoe factory. He has ever since been identified with this industry and is now the superintendent of a large shoe factory in Sheboygan. Mr. and Mrs. Prinsen became the parents of the following children: George, Edward C., Dorothea, Bernice, Evelyn and Emily.

In the acquirement of his education Edward C. Prinsen first attended the graded schools of Waupun, completing his course in the high school at Watertown, this state. At the age of eighteen years he laid aside his text-books and became self-supporting. His first position was in a shoe factory, where he was employed for two years. At the expiration of that time he came to Fond du Lac to assume the management of the Royal Theatre, which had been previously purchased for him by his father. He has used very good judgment in

the conduct of this place and it is now recognized as one of the best and most popular places of amusement in the city.

Mr. Prinsen is a member of the Baptist church, and fraternally he is identified with the Equitable Fraternal Union and he also belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association. In politics he is a republican. Mr. Prinsen is a young man of fine traits of character and excellent habits and these united with his energy and practical methods should win him success in his undertakings.

J. GEORGE DICK.

J. George Dick is one of the enterprising, successful business men of the city of Fond du Lac. He is the president of the Dick-Jens Cough Drop Company, also chairman of the city republican committee and at present is engaged in the grocery business, his store being located at No. 68 East Ninth street, in this city. He was born in Fond du Lac, December 27, 1873, and is the son of John Adam and Christina (Rook) Dick, both of whom were natives of Germany.

John Adam Dick, the father of the subject of this review, was born December 31, 1825, at Fuerstenthum, Reufs Ebersdorf, and his wife's birth occurred July 22, 1833, at Babenhausen, Hessen, Darmstadt. The latter emigrated to America at the age of fourteen and shortly after reaching this country established her home with her sister in Utica, New York. At this place she became acquainted with her future husband, Mr. Dick, who had also emigrated to America in the year 1849. They were united in wedlock April 2, 1851. For the immediate five years following, they maintained their residence in the state of New York and then removed to Kenosha, in this state, at which place they lived for the following fourteen years. In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Dick removed to Fond du Lac, where they continued to live during the remainder of their days. When Mr. Dick reached America he was without knowledge of the English language and was poor in purse. During the first few years of life in this country he was employed as a farm laborer, and at that early period the compensation for such service was extremely low. For many years he worked in the potato fields of this state, receiving for his services the small sum of fifty cents per day and as a hand in the harvest fields he received the very low wage of eight dollars per month. Notwithstanding the hard struggle for life in his early days, however, he was enabled later to accumulate a competency for his old age. Mr. and Mrs. Dick celebrated their golden wedding, April 2, 1901, and on August 17, 1902, at the age of nearly seventy-seven Mr. Dick passed away, while his wife died November 12, 1910, aged seventy-seven years. They were both members of the Lutheran church and to them six children were born: Andrew, and Peter, deceased; Katharine, now the wife of William Jahn, of Fond du Lac; Charles F., of St. Paul, Minnesota; Anna, the wife of D. J. Althaus of Fond du Lac; and J. George Dick, the subject of this review.

J. George Dick was reared in his father's home and was educated in the parochial Lutheran schools and in the night schools of that city. After laying aside the text books of his elementary education, he learned the painter's trade and this he followed for several years. Retiring from this vocation he secured a clerkship in a general store and in 1901 established himself in the grocery business, in which he has since continued.

Mr. Dick was united in wedlock to Miss Anna L. Knueppel, December 16, 1897. Mrs. Dick is the daughter of Charles and Wilhelmina (Hellmann) Knueppel, and to this union one child has been born—W. Erwin Dick. Mrs. Dick was born in Fond du Lac. Her parents, natives of Schwerin, Germany, emigrated to this country from their native land in 1872, the journey being made immediately following the celebration of their marriage. They established their home on

arriving in this country at Manitowoc, this state, where they remained for some years, eventually moving to Fond du Lac, where they have since continued to live. Mr. Knueppel was for many years employed as teamster for the C. J. L. Meyers company. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Knueppel six children were born, two of whom are now living: Anna L. and Ernst. The father of this family died March 22, 1890. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Dick was John Knueppel. His wife died in the early years of their married life, when Charles Knueppel, the father of Mrs. Dick, was but an infant. The mother of Mrs. Dick later was united in marriage to John Sonnenberg, and to this union one son, George Sonnenberg, was born.

J. George Dick is the president of the Dick Jens Cough Drop Company of this city and one of its up-to-date, successful merchants, making a specialty of general and fancy groceries. He is affiliated with the republican party and at present is the chairman of the city republican committee. He has served four terms in the office of supervisor for his county during the years intervening between 1905 and 1910, inclusive. He is one of the enthusiastic, public-spirited men of his county and one of the leaders of the political party to which he ascribes allegiance, being a well known and progressive citizen of Fond du Lac.

PETER ABLER.

Peter Abler is one of the enterprising and capable agriculturists of Taycheedah township, where he owns one hundred and twenty acres of land, in the cultivation of which he has been engaged for eighteen years. He is a native of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred in the township where he now resides, in 1867. His parents, Nicholas and Anna (Freund) Abler, were born in Germany, whence they emigrated to America in early life, locating in Fond du Lac county in 1845. Here the father passed away some three years ago, but the mother is still living and now resides with a son in Marshfield township.

The greater part of Peter Abler's life has been passed in the immediate vicinity of his present residence. He was reared in very much the same manner as other lads living in the rural sections of Wisconsin at that period. His early education was acquired in the district schools, which he attended until he was thirteen years of age. He later supplemented this course by one or two years' study in a local college, thus better qualifying himself for the practical duties of life. In common with other country lads, he early began assisting with the work of the fields and care of the stock, his energies always having been devoted to agricultural pursuits. After leaving home he worked out for a year as a farm hand in Bristol, South Dakota, but at the expiration of that period he returned to Wisconsin, settling on the place he now owns, in 1894. His holding comprises one hundred and twenty acres, about ten of which he has cleared during the period of his ownership. He is enterprising and energetic in whatever he undertakes and since acquiring this property has wrought various changes, which have enhanced the value and added to the appearance of the place.

In 1898 Mr. Abler was united in marriage to Miss Katie Halfman, a daughter of John and Mary K. Halfman, residents of this county, and to them have been born eight children. In order of birth they are as follows: Edward Nicholas, who is thirteen years of age; Dora Catherine, who has passed the eleventh anniversary of her birth; Cecelia Margaret, who is ten years of age; Aloysius Chrysanth, who is anticipating his ninth birthday; August Joseph, who is six years old; Herman Joseph, who will soon be five; Bernard Jacob, who has passed the second anniversary of his birth; and Agnes Anna, who is three months old. The older children are all attending the district school.

Mr. Abler is a democrat in his political views and he and his family are communicants of St. Peter's Catholic church. Mr. Abler is hard-working and persevering and such success as has come to him is well merited and highly deserved. He is one of the respected residents of his community, where he is known to be thoroughly trustworthy and reliable, always having conducted his transactions in an honest and upright manner.

DeFOREST D. SMITH.

DeForest D. Smith is the proprietor of an up-to-date wholesale and retail ice cream business. His factory is located at No. 33-35 West Johnson street, Fond du Lac. He is a native son of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Amherst on September 15, 1877. He is the son of George W. and Sarah E. (Wilson) Smith. His father was a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in that country in 1849. He is one of the well known and successful merchants at Amherst, of which place he is serving as postmaster. To Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith four children have been born those beside our subject being: Clifford, who married Lydia Wilmot of Amherst, and has three children, George W., Isabella, and one not named; Alfred; and Willard.

DeForest D. Smith was reared in his parents' home and educated in the public schools, passing through all the lower grades and completing his education in the high school of Amherst. At the age of seventeen he started in life for himself as a traveling salesman and in that occupation continued to be engaged for nine years. In 1906 he established himself in the general manufacture and sale of ice cream and in that business he has since continued and has met with well deserved and gratifying success. His factory is modern and up-to-date in all its appointments and is located at 33-35 West Johnson street, in Fond du Lac. A very considerable proportion of the product of his factory is shipped to various cities throughout the state.

Mr. Smith chose as his partner in life, Miss Emma L. Gormican of Fond du Lac, to whom he was united in wedlock in June, 1906. He is affiliated with the democratic party and he and Mrs. Smith are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church of this city. Mr. Smith is known as a reliable and successful business man and is highly respected throughout the county and always interested in the advancement and improvement of the people of the city in which he lives.

FREDERICK F. POPE.

Frederick F. Pope, of the Pope Boat Company, one of the more recently organized industries of Fond du Lac, was born in Kent county, England, on the 2d of July, 1887. He is a son of Frederick and Sarah Pope, who emigrated to Canada during the boyhood of our subject and there both parents passed away, the father in 1910 and the mother in 1906. They were the parents of eight children: George F. has been married twice. Horace W. married Annie Woodcock of Coburg, Ontario. Clara became the wife of George A. Willis, also of Coburg. Amie is the wife of William H. Hopper, of Coburg. Frederick F., our subject, is the next in order of birth. John W. is married, and Percy E., who is a member of the Pope Boat Company, married Maud Salliday of Fond du Lac. Edward, who is the youngest member of the family, is unmarried.

Frederick F. Pope, who was only a boy when he accompanied his parents on their removal to America, pursued his education in the public schools of

Coburg, Ontario, until he was a lad of thirteen years. Soon after laying aside his text-books he was apprenticed to the machinist's trade, which he followed until 1905. In the latter year he and his brother Percy organized the Pope Boat Company and have ever since devoted their united efforts to the development of this enterprise with a gratifying measure of success. They have become widely known through the manufacture of the Pope motor boats, which are of very superior quality, and give excellent service, and they are favored with orders from all parts of the world. Both members of the firm are skilled mechanics and have worked tirelessly and persistently in striving to perfect their boats and that they are achieving their aim is proven beyond question by the large orders which they receive.

For his wife and helpmate Mr. Pope chose Miss Lottie A. Deal, of Appleton, Wisconsin, and to them have been born three children: Edith, Fred L. and Amelia. Mrs. Pope's parents were for many years residents of Neenah, Wisconsin, where the father followed the shoemaker's trade until his health began to fail. He subsequently removed to a farm in North Dakota and there he passed away in 1889 at the age of seventy years.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his political support he accords to the republican party. He is a public-spirited man and takes an active interest in all local affairs and is affiliated with both the Business Men's Club and Business Men's Association. Mr. Pope has won many friends during the period of his residence in Fond du Lac and is generally recognized as a young man of most excellent promise and capability.

JAMES HOBBS.

James Hobbs, a successful farmer of Lamartine township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he is cultivating eighty acres of land, was born in Byron township, in the county in which he is now residing, on September 16, 1865. He is a son of James and Elizabeth Hobbs, natives of England. His father followed agriculture and was among the earliest settlers in Fond du Lac county, where he died on February 11, 1882, when he was fifty-one years of age. His wife survived him for many years, dying on the 2d of June, 1902, when she was seventy-eight years old. To their union were born eight children: Lydia; Clara; Lavinda; John; Martha; Monroe; George; and James, the subject of this sketch.

The last named was educated in the district schools of Byron township and pursued his studies until he was fifteen years of age. He was familiar from his childhood with the details connected with the operation of a progressive agricultural enterprise and aided his father in the work of the farm until his marriage in 1894. At that time he purchased seventy acres of land in his native section and for seven years made a steady advance in prosperity. At the end of that time he bought eighty acres in Lamartine township and has since been successful as a general farmer. By hard work, honesty and good business ability he has been steadily prosperous in all branches of his enterprise, while his stock-raising interests are growing gradually. He now has nine head of cattle and two horses but is contemplating extending his phase of his business. In all his affairs he is alert and enterprising, meeting with the degree of success which is always the reward of labor when combined with personal efficiency.

Mr. Hobbs was married on December 23, 1894, at Waupun, Wisconsin, to Miss Geneva Hannon, a daughter of William and Mary Hannon, of Byron township. Her father was a farmer and carried on an extensive enterprise along this line until his death on February 8, 1912, when he was eighty-four years of

age. His wife is still living and makes her home in Waupun, Wisconsin. She is seventy-seven years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs have been born three children: Archie, Cecil and Lillian.

In his political beliefs Mr. Hobbs is a staunch republican and has served as road superintendent of Byron township for three years. He did able and effective work as constable of Byron township for two years and as school director in the same section for one term. He is interested in every phase of business and agricultural development in the section in which he resides and as a stockholder in the Lamartine Creamery Company has influenced the success of that enterprise. He affiliates with the Methodist church. Mr. Hobbs works for his personal advancement and by promoting his own success along worthy and progressive lines has made his influence felt upon the agricultural development of his state.

HENRY FRIDAY.

Henry Friday is one of the well known and honored pioneers of Friendship township, Fond du Lac county, where he is engaged in general farming. He was born in Switzerland in 1832 and is the son of Henry and Barbara (Elmer) Friday, who emigrated to America in 1853. He was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in his native land. On reaching the shores of the new world he located in Friendship township, Fond du Lac county, at a time when there were no railroads in this part of the state. As a young man he was employed for some time at farm work, for which he received the small sum of eight dollars per month, at that time the current scale of wages paid for farm labor. He later purchased a farm and has since devoted his time to general farming, in which he has met with gratifying success.

Mr. Friday was united in marriage in New London, Wisconsin, to Miss Louise Schroeder, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Schroeder. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Friday four children were born, as follows: William, who is now forty-nine years of age; Jacob, forty-seven years old; and Henry and Albert, who are thirty-five and thirty-three years of age respectively.

Mr. Friday is affiliated with the democratic party and is a member of the Reformed church. He is one of the oldest living pioneers of Friendship township and is a man who has always been successful as a farmer and is one of the most respected and esteemed citizens of his part of the state.

GEORGE F. HARDGROVE.

George F. Hardgrove is one of the well known citizens of Fond du Lac, where he is successfully engaged in the undertaking business. He was born October 8, 1873, and is the son of Timothy and Bridget O. (Lockland) Hardgrove, both natives of County Clare, Ireland. The father was born in 1838 and emigrated to America in his early years. He settled in Wisconsin at a very early period in the history of this state and is justly entitled to be numbered among its pioneers. In his family were six children: Joseph, George F., Timothy, John G., Mary and Ella.

George F. Hardgrove was reared in his parents' home and educated in the public schools of the district in which he lived. At the age of fourteen he started in life for himself, engaging in the cooperage business, in which he continued for six years, after which he followed blacksmithing from 1903 until 1908. He then was employed in the undertaking establishment of L. G. Zacherl, with

whom he remained for one year, at the end of which time he engaged in the undertaking business in partnership with G. H. Gordon, both partners having graduated from the Philadelphia Embalming School in the class of 1909. Their establishment is well located on one of the business streets of the city of Fond du Lac and the firm is conducting a very successful business.

Mr. Hardgrove was united in marriage to Miss Alice Burns, of Eden, and to them two children have been born, Alice and Lucille. He is affiliated with the democratic party and is a loyal member of that great political organization. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and also of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is likewise a member of the Funeral Directors Association of Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Hardgrove are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Fond du Lac. Our subject is well known in this part of the state and is characterized in business for prompt attention and efficient service. He is universally regarded as a man of strict integrity in business matters and is always to be relied upon to give his influence and assistance to the furtherance of any public measure seeking the advancement of the community in which he lives.

JOSEPH B. BARLOW, JR.

Joseph B. Barlow, Jr., who is living retired in a pleasant home in Ripon, has at various times been prominently identified with the upbuilding of his native city. While he has put aside active management of business affairs he is still a member of the Barlow & Seelig Manufacturing Company, makers of washing machines, and is also associated with Mr. Seelig in the conduct of a hardware store in Ripon. He has long maintained a place among the leading and valued merchants and manufacturers of the city and the secret of his success is found in the close application which he has always given his business affairs, combined with enterprise and progressive methods.

Mr. Barlow was born in Ripon in 1859, and is a son of Joseph B. Barlow, Sr., a native of Delaware county, New York, and a son of Samuel and Mary (Mapes) Barlow, representatives of a family founded in Connecticut in colonial days. The Mapes family was of English origin and at an early period in the settlement of the new world was established on this side of the water, Timothy Mapes, the great-grandfather of Joseph B. Barlow, Jr., having been a resident of Delaware county, New York. It was Captain David P. Mapes, a brother of Mary (Mapes) Barlow, who founded and organized the city of Ripon in 1849. He conducted a hotel, operated a gristmill and was one of the prominent pioneer residents of this section.

Joseph B. Barlow, Sr., was born in Roxbury, New York, September 30, 1818, and was the first of his family to come to Ripon, where he took up his abode about 1855. He had visited the district, however, in 1846, spending ten days here, during which period he purchased two hundred and eighty acres of government land in three tracts near the present site of Ripon, which at that time, however, was covered with hazel brush. On his first trip to the west he walked to Fond du Lac county from Milwaukee to see Captain Mapes, after which he returned to New York, where he remained until 1855, engaged in merchandising. At that date he returned to Wisconsin and established a permanent home in Fond du Lac county. While living in the east he saw one of the first railroads in America. It was built in 1834 and was sixteen miles long, extending from Carbondale to Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

Following his removal to the west Joseph B. Barlow, Sr., turned his attention to the lumber business, in which he engaged for twenty years. He was at one time alderman of the city of Ripon to which office he was elected on the



J. B. Ludlow

Bedford Ludlow

Jean Elizabeth Ludlow

J. B. Barlow, Sr.
Mrs. H. J. Ludlow



republican ticket. The Baptist church numbered him among its devoted members and he at all times lived the life of a consistent Christian. In 1847 he married Miss Elizabeth Quackenboss, of New York, who died in 1856, leaving a son and daughter; Gust, now a commercial traveler with headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri; and Mary E., the wife of Horace Ludlow, of Worthington, Minnesota. Another daughter, Josephine, had died in infancy. In 1858 Mr. Barlow was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary J. Quackenboss, by whom he had one son, Joseph B.

Joseph B. Barlow, Jr., received his early education in the common schools of Ripon and entered the Ripon College from which he was graduated at the age of eighteen. When his education was completed he went to Minnesota where he entered the employ of his brother as a clerk and remained in this connection until he had attained his majority. In that year he removed to Edgerton, Minnesota, and started in the mercantile business for himself. He built up a flourishing trade along this line and was successful from the year 1877 to 1893. At the latter date he returned to Ripon where in partnership with Mr. Osbourn he opened a hardware store under the name of Osbourn & Barlow. This association continued for one year and at the end of that time Mr. Barlow became associated with Mr. Seelig in the conduct of a hardware business. He was also for many years of his active life identified with the Barlow-Seelig Manufacturing Company, makers of all kinds of improved and patented washing machines. This concern is one of the largest industrial enterprises in the state of Wisconsin. Its product is known all over the United States as the "Big Three" washing machine. These machines are manufactured in various grades and run by hand power, by water or by electricity, according to their make and variety. The market for the product of the Barlow-Seelig Manufacturing Company is limited only by the boundaries of the United States. The firm employ a large number of traveling salesmen besides the staff at the home office, and is growing and increasing every year. Mr. Barlow has now retired from active management of his two enterprises and is living with his family in Ripon.

On the 22d of June, 1880, Mr. Barlow was united in marriage to Miss Ione Grant, a daughter of Henry and Emily (Durkee) Grant, of Minnesota, and they became the parents of two daughters: Mrs. W. B. Murray, of Ashland, Wisconsin, who is the mother of one child; and Mrs. F. J. Griffith, of Fairwater, Wisconsin. Mr. Barlow is prominent in the Masonic order and belongs to Ripon Lodge, F. & A. M. He also holds membership in Berlin Commandery, K. T., and is active in the affairs of that organization. He has been a conspicuous figure in the industrial development of the city of Ripon and is now enjoying a well earned rest.

JOHN P. KALT.

John P. Kalt is a native of Fond du Lac, his birth having here occurred on the 25th of April, 1885, and is a son of Michael and Louisa (Loehr) Kalt. The parents were both natives of Johnsburg, this state, the father's birth having there occurred on the 25th of April, 1854, while the mother was born in 1859. Michael Kalt was reared on a farm and for thirty years successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account. At the expiration of that time, however, he withdrew from that work and opened a café in Fond du Lac that he conducted for ten years. He is now deceased, having passed away in 1909. Three children were born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kalt: Dora, who married Michael J. Zimmers, president of the Kalt-Zimmers Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, in which city they reside; Edwin, who is unmarried; and John P., our subject.

After attending the graded and high schools of the city, John P. Kalt took a course in a commercial college, thus qualifying himself to assume the duties of a business career. At the age of nineteen years he accepted his first position, which was that of bookkeeper for the Winnebago Lumber Company, remaining in their service for four years. At the expiration of that time he secured a similar position in the insurance office of S. D. Wyatt. He resigned this a year later, however, to become cashier of the First Wisconsin Bank of North Fond du Lac. After serving in this capacity for two and a half years he accepted the position of cashier with the Citizens State Bank, of Fond du Lac, which was organized in May, 1911, and has ever since been identified with this institution. Mr. Kalt is a very ambitious young man of earnest purpose and unremitting diligence, who has manifested keen foresight and sagacity in the direction of his forces and is meeting with a corresponding degree of success. He is a stockholder in the Sand Rock Water Company and the First Wisconsin Bank of North Fond du Lac, and treasurer of the Adjustable Steel Centering Company of this city.

Mr. Kalt married Miss Lottie Bechand, a daughter of A. G. Bechand and a representative of one of Fond du Lac's pioneer families. They are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and fraternally Mr. Kalt is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He is public spirited and progressive in matters of citizenship and is one of the active members of the Business Men's Club, while his political support he accords to the democratic party. The success that has come to him in the pursuit of his business career must be attributed to his close concentration and conscientious discharge of his duties, by means of which he has established a reputation for trustworthiness and reliability that will prove an invaluable asset to him and be a dominant factor in promoting his prosperity.

EDWARD HALFMANN.

Edward Halfmann is one of the well known business men of Fond du Lac where he is successfully engaged in the conduct of a café located at 218 South Main street. He was born in Taycheedah, Wisconsin, December 22, 1890, and is a son of John and Mary Halfmann. The father was a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred at Taycheedah in 1846, at which place he was engaged in the cultivation of his farm of eighty-eight acres until 1900. He then retired from active life and now resides in Peebles, Wisconsin. The mother was born in Calumet county, this state, in 1840. Mr. and Mrs. John Halfmann became the parents of twelve children: Christ, a boilermaker of Fond du Lac; Maggie, who is now the wife of Nicholas Gilenbach, a farmer living on the old homestead, by whom she has five children; Katie, who is the wife of Peter Abler and the mother of seven children; Joseph, a boilermaker, who married Susie Snyder of Peebles and has three children; Peter, a boilermaker by trade, who married Lina Kline, by whom he had two children; Nicholas, a boilermaker, who married Fannie Richter of Taycheedah, and has two children; Edward, the subject of this review; August, a boilermaker who married Dora Simmons of Fond du Lac, by whom he had two children; Hubert, who is in partnership with his brother Edward in the café business; Henry, who is a blacksmith in Calumet county; Tony, who is a boilermaker and resides in Fond du Lac; and Francis who is at home with his parents at Peebles.

Edward Halfmann was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools and later pursued a course in the business college. At the age of sixteen he began work as an employe on a farm and continued as a farm laborer for twenty consecutive years. He then obtained em-

ployment in a creamery and devoted his attention to that business for five years, after which he was engaged in the livery business for one year and then, in company with his brother Hubert, opened a café at 218 South Main street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and has been very successful.

Mr. Halfmann was united in marriage to Miss Anna Busch, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Busch, and they have become the parents of three children, Lawrence, Adolph and Dorothea.

Mr. Halfmann is a supporter of the democratic party and he and his wife are members of St. Mary's Catholic church. He is a well known business man of Fond du Lac and has been successful in the café business. He and his family reside at 237 South Main street.

WALTER J. AUGUSTIN.

Walter J. Augustin is one of the young, progressive business men of Fond du Lac, where he is engaged in the conduct of a well equipped and up-to-date music store, making a specialty of talking machines and all necessary supplies in connection with that line of business. He was born in Milwaukee, July 23, 1887, and is a son of Charles B. and Anna (Jeager) Augustin, who reside in Milwaukee, where Mr. Augustin is engaged in contracting and building. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Augustin two children have been born: Walter J., of this review; and Hilda, who is the wife of Oscar Halverson, and unto them one child has been born. Mr. Halverson is the proprietor of an up-to-date café.

Walter J. Augustin was educated in the public schools of Milwaukee. Having completed his elementary education he was a student for three years in the Milwaukee Business College, during which time he pursued special courses. Later he became an employe of a talking machine company in Milwaukee, with which he continued for four successive years. In 1906 he removed to Fond du Lac, where he opened a music establishment of his own, in which he makes a specialty of handling the Edison and Victor talking machines. His is the only exclusive house in Fond du Lac making a specialty of that business. He also carries a full supply of all necessary merchandise connected with the talking machine business. He has been very successful since coming to Fond du Lac, having sold over a thousand machines to the city and surrounding country trade.

Mr. Augustin is independent in the exercise of his franchise, never having connected himself definitely with any political party. He is a member of the Equitable Fraternal Union and of the Lutheran church. He is interested in the affairs of his city and always ready to cooperate in all public measures seeking the advancement of the people of his state and county.

MICHAEL J. GIEBEL.

Michael J. Giebel is one of the highly respected citizens of Fond du Lac, where he is successfully engaged in the conduct of a well equipped livery establishment located on First street. He was born on the 19th of March, 1880, and is a son of Nicholas and Gertrude (Pitts) Giebel, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father's birth occurred on the 2d of May, 1857, and he emigrated to America at the age of eighteen years. He settled in Wisconsin where he engaged in farming but later in life he retired from active work and now lives in the city of Fond du Lac. He was married to Miss Gertrude Pitts, whose birth occurred in the year 1857. She came to America with her parents

when but a child. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Giebel seven children were born. John, the eldest, wedded Mary Kraemer, of Fond du Lac, and is one of the prosperous farmers of Empire township. Michael J., of this review, is the second in order of birth. Katie is the wife of James Aler, of Empire, who is by trade a carpenter. Unto them have been born two children, Nicholas and Marie. Nicholas is still unmarried. Leo married Clara Frederick, a native of Germany, who emigrated to Wisconsin five years ago, settling in Fond du Lac. They have one child. Carl is not married and is employed as a fireman on the Soo Railroad. Gertrude is also unmarried. The mother of this family died in the year 1906.

Michael J. Giebel was reared in his father's home and was educated in the public schools. In his early years he was engaged in work on his father's farm and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-three years of age. In 1904 he removed to Fond du Lac and engaged in the livery business in partnership with Michael Moersch, a partnership which continued until 1908, at which time he disposed of his interest in the business to Mr. Moersch and immediately established an independent livery business at a new barn on First street. Mr. Giebel maintains one of the best establishments of this kind in the city, using in his business at present eighteen head of horses.

Mr. Giebel was united in marriage to Miss Mary Moersch, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moersch, of Fond du Lac. Unto them have been born three children, Excilda, Claude and Leo. His family residence is located at No. 27 Fifth street. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and also of the Independent Order of Foresters and the Modern Woodman camp. He is affiliated with the democratic party, following the standards of that party in all its national and state campaigns, and he is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church of Fond du Lac. Mr. Giebel is one of the enterprising citizens of Fond du Lac and a man who is well known throughout the county. His success in the livery business has been largely due to the unremitting attention which he has devoted to his business and he ranks as one of the most popular and efficient livery men in this part of the state.

WILLIAM GURATH.

William Gurath is the senior partner in the firm of Gurath & Henker. The bottling plant and general offices of the company are located at No. 29 East Twelfth street. He was born in Fond du Lac on January 6, 1881, and is the son of Michael and Mary (Rottman) Gurath, both of whom were natives of Bavaria, Germany. The father emigrated to America when he was thirty years of age and came direct from his native land to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he established his home. In his family were seven children. Louis married Margaret Daum, of Oshkosh, and they have one child, Gertrude. John married Lizzie Vonhoff, of Oshkosh, and to them three children were born, Irving, Edna and Margaret. The mother of these children died in 1903 and the father married again and now resides in Chicago. Herman married Anna Worundy, of Oshkosh, and they have one child, Gladys. William is the subject of this review. George M. married Minnie Reimer, of Oshkosh, and they have one child, Dorothy. Ida married Otto Koentopp, of Fond du Lac and Michael completes the family.

William Gurath was reared in his father's home and received his elementary education in the German-English Academy. After completing his studies in that institution he pursued a course in the Fond du Lac Business College for one term, and at the age of eighteen he started out in life for himself as an employe in one of Fond du Lac's manufacturing establishments, with which he

continued for a period of five years. He afterward obtained employment in the Soo Railroad shops and to that line of work he continued to devote his attention for six years, after which, in company with his brother John he opened a bottling plant and engaged in business for himself. The partnership with his brother continued for a period of two years and at the expiration of that time Mr. Henker purchased the brother's interest and since then the business has been continued under the firm name of Gurath & Henker. The company has been very successful in its business and has a high standing among the manufacturing and commercial institutions of Fond du Lac.

Mr. Gurath chose as his companion in life Miss Florence Puls, of Fond du Lac, a daughter of John and Christina (Blum) Puls. The father was engaged in the saloon business and his death occurred about 1894. The mother, however, is still living and resides in Fond du Lac. Mr. and Mrs. Gurath are the parents of four children, Elinore, Viola, Leo and Bernice.

Mr. Gurath is independent in the exercise of his franchise, never having affiliated himself with any political party. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Buffaloes, and religiously he and Mrs. Gurath are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Gurath is highly respected throughout the county of Fond du Lac. He is reliable in all his business transactions and can always be counted upon for his support and assistance in the advancement of any measure seeking the improvement and elevation of the people in the state and city in which he lives.

THOMAS BRENNAN.

Thomas Brennan is engaged in the operation of the farm where he was born in Eden township on the 28th of September, 1872. His father, Patrick Brennan, was born and reared in Ireland, but in his early manhood emigrated to the United States. For a time thereafter he located in the state of New York, but later he came to Wisconsin, settling in Washington county, where he bought some land which he cultivated for about twelve years. There he was married to Miss Bridget Murphy, a native of the Emerald isle and a daughter of Thomas and Catherine Murphy, with whom she came to America when a girl of thirteen years. In 1867, Mr. Brennan removed to Fond du Lac county with his family, and purchased eighty acres of land in Eden township. His holding was entirely unimproved and after erecting thereon a house and log barn, he began clearing and cultivating the land, devoting himself to the further improvement of his farm until he retired. He lived to attain the venerable age of eighty-five years, his death occurring on the 20th of November, 1903. The mother, who was sixty-eight when she passed away, only survived him a few months, her demise occurring in March, 1904. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Brennan numbered ten, those beside our subject being as follows: William, who died in August, 1909; Catherine; Elizabeth; Annie, who passed away on the 3d of September, 1903; Mary, who was sixteen at the time of her death; Alice; John; Ellen; and James, who died in infancy. John Brennan, who was born on the 6th of June, 1878, is now engaged in farming with his brother Thomas. He formerly lived in Milwaukee, where for five years he worked on the railroad.

The entire life of Thomas Brennan has been passed on the farm where he is now living. He spent his boyhood and youth in very much the same manner as other lads who were reared in the rural section of Wisconsin at that time. At the usual age he began his education in the district schools which he attended during both the summer and winter sessions until he was old enough to assist with the work of the farm, when his summers were spent in the fields. He subsequently took entire charge of the farm, until after the death of the father, when he and his brother John came into possession of it, and have ever

since been associated in its operation. They engage in general farming and stock-raising and are meeting with a fair measure of success in their undertakings.

On the 3d of June, 1908, Mr. Brennan was married to Miss Catherine Bonslet, daughter of Joseph Bonslet, and they have become the parents of one son, William Joseph, who was born on the 10th of December, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan are Roman Catholics and belong to St. James' parish, which they have attended from early childhood and number among its members many close friends.

CHARLES I. SNOW.

Charles I. Snow is a native of Wisconsin and one of the enterprising and successful business men of Fond du Lac where he was born on the 23d of January, 1877. His paternal grandparent, Isadore Snow was one of the early pioneers of Wisconsin and the first man to establish a commercial bakery in Fond du Lac. To him also belongs the distinction of having built the old Darling block which was erected on the corner of Main and First streets, and for many years was known as the most pretentious business block of Fond du Lac. The building occupied the ground upon which now stands the large and attractive retail shoe establishment known as the Fitzsimmons block. His father, Alfred B. Snow, also a native of Wisconsin, whose birth occurred at Fond du Lac in 1847, was the successor to Isadore Snow in the bakery business and during all of the active years of his life he devoted his entire attention to that business, retiring to private life in 1903. The mother was a native of Canada, her birth having occurred in that country in 1847, and in 1871 took up her residence in Wisconsin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Snow eight children were born: Exilda, the wife of Henry Greenough, a member of the police force of Buffalo, New York, by whom she has two children, Marie and Monica; Alfred J., who is engaged in farming in Canada and who married Julia O'Neal, by whom he has three children, Lawrence, Harold and Geneva; Arthur, who married Frances Rock, of Fond du Lac, and who is engaged in the commission mercantile business in Milwaukee; Charles I., of this review; Blanche, the secretary of the Jackson Tiling Company, of Chicago, in which city she makes her home; Oliver, a farmer of Canada, who is married; Angie, the wife of Howard Jones, a real-estate dealer of San Francisco, California; and Eugene, a resident of Fond du Lac.

Charles I. Snow was reared in his father's home and was educated in the public schools of Friendship. At the age of twelve years he was employed by his father in his bakery, in which employment he continued for four years, and then opened a wholesale and retail fruit store in the old Darling block, which business he operated for a period of two years. When the Darling block was torn down he closed out his fruit business and removed to Ripon, where he established himself in the general retail bakery business, in which he continued for two years, and at the end of that time he sold his establishment and returned to Fond du Lac, where he was employed in his father's bakery for a number of years, after which he and his brothers, Alfred J. and Arthur J., established themselves in business under the firm name of the Snow Brothers Bakery. The firm continued in the general retail and wholesale bakery business until 1910, at which time Mr. Snow purchased the entire interests of his brothers in the business and has since operated the business under the name of Snow's Bakery. He owns all of the real estate and building improvements required in the operation of his establishment which occupies a ground space of sixty by two hundred and twenty feet located at 100 West Second street.

His entire plant is modern and up to date in every department. He has met with gratifying success in his business and the future gives promise of a continuous increase in the volume of his output in both the retail and wholesale branches.

Mr. Snow was united in marriage to Miss Celia Freund, of Fond du Lac, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Freund. In political matters he is independent in the use of his franchise, having no declared affiliation with any political party. He was a member of Company E, Second Wisconsin National Guard, for three years, at the end of which time he received his honorable discharge in 1906. Mr. Snow is one of the successful, well known and highly respected citizens of Fond du Lac. He is always interested in every issue affecting the interests of the people at large and his influence and help are always to be counted upon in the furtherance of any public issue intended to improve the conditions of the people of his state and county.

W. C. SCHMIDT.

W. C. Schmidt is one of the well known and respected citizens of Fond du Lac county, where for the past twenty-two years he has been in the successful conduct of a cheese factory which he owns in Friendship township. He was born in that township in 1870 and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schmidt. He was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools in Friendship township. On starting in life for himself he engaged in farming and continued to devote his attention to that occupation until 1890. He then opened a cheese factory in Friendship township, with which he has since been identified as owner and proprietor.

Mr. Schmidt is married and has a son, Herbert, who is sixteen years of age. Our subject is affiliated with the democratic party and has fraternal relations with the Maccabees. He is among the well known citizens of his part of the state and is a man who by strict attention to his private affairs and integrity in all matters of business has gained for himself the confidence of the general public, with whom he has constantly come in contact during his business career as a manufacturer and dealer in cheese in Fond du Lac county.

JAMES J. COYNE.

James J. Coyne is one of the highly respected men of Fond du Lac, where he is engaged in the general contracting and building business. He was born in the city of Fond du Lac, and is a son of John and Mary Coyne. His father was a native of Ireland and by occupation was a farmer. In company with his parents he emigrated to America when he was a child but four years of age. At the time of the opening of the Civil war he enlisted in Company C, of the Seventeenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. To Mr. and Mrs. John Coyne eight children were born: James J., the subject of this review; Ellen, who is married and resides in Manitowoc; Thomas, of Lamartine, who married Mary O'Connor, of Osceola, this state, by whom he has three children, Ethel, Eldon and Elain; Anna, residing in Fond du Lac, who became the wife of Thomas Schields and has three children, Lucile, Raymond and Thomas; Matie, who is the wife of John O'Brien and makes her home in Osceola; Kittie, of Fond du Lac, the wife of Fred Bruhausen and the mother of one child, Glenn; and John and Amanda, both of whom are unmarried.

James J. Coyne was reared in his parents' home and educated in the public schools at Lamartine. He remained under the parental roof until he was

twenty-one years of age, at which time he started in business for himself as a carpenter and continued in the pursuit of his trade for the four succeeding years thereafter. At the age of twenty-five he established himself in the contracting and building business and since that time he has devoted his entire attention to that business with the exception of two years in which he was engaged in the grocery business, three years on the police force and two years as city assessor. He has been very successful in his business and is known as one of the most reliable and efficient contractors and builders in Fond du Lac. He is the owner of his residence property located at No. 33 West Arndt street and also owns considerable real-estate property at North Fond du Lac.

Mr. Coyne was united in marriage to Miss Myra Conolly of Lamartine, this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Coyne two children have been born, Margaret and John. He is affiliated with the democratic party and has served two years as alderman of the fourth ward. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and also of the Catholic Foresters. He and Mrs. Coyne are both members of St. Patrick's church of Fond du Lac. Mr. Coyne has for many years been one of the highly respected and successful business men of Fond du Lac. He is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen and always quick to respond to the support of any public measure seeking the advancement and improvement of the people of his community.

THOMAS KING.

Thomas King is one of the many sons of Ireland who are bringing their native confidence and inspiring activity to the cultivation of the soil in Empire township. His father, Patrick King, was the first representative of the family to come to Wisconsin. He was born in Ireland and came to America in early manhood, residing for a time in the state of New York, and subsequently settled in Milwaukee in the early days of its municipal development, remaining a resident of that city for three or four years. He was there married to Miss Mary Kiley, a native of Ireland, who came to the United States with her parents, Thomas and Katherine Kiley, who were among the pioneer settlers of Wisconsin. In the early '50s Patrick King removed to Fond du Lac county and settled in the township of Empire, where he bought eighty acres of land entirely covered with timber. He cleared his property and from the lumber secured by cutting down the trees he built for himself a rude log cabin and here all his children were born. He lived upon his land and was active in its operation until his death, at the age of ninety years. His wife still lives upon the home farm and is in the eightieth year of her age. Patrick King was one of the representative and substantial men of his district. His original log cabin was replaced by a modern and convenient frame residence and his holdings were constantly added to at different periods in his career.

His son, Thomas King, was one of a family of nine children. He was born on the old home farm in 1857 and received his education in the district schools of Empire township. He pursued his studies during the winter and worked upon his father's farm during the summer months. When he was eighteen years of age he left Empire township and worked in the northern pine woods for two winters. When he returned to Fond du Lac county he engaged in agriculture in the employ of others and worked at farming by the month for fifteen years. Eventually he purchased forty acres in Forest township and brought to their cultivation all the wealth of personal experience and detailed knowledge of scientific methods of farming which he had acquired during his long period of work as an agriculturist. He added to his original purchase soon afterward by the purchase of twenty adjoining acres and upon this land he built a new frame house, where he resided for many years. By hard work

and scientific methods of operation Mr. King soon brought his farm to a high state of cultivation. In 1911 he sold his property and bought the old Theron Berry farm of one hundred and seventy-nine acres in Empire township, where he now lives. Mr. King is a substantial citizen of Empire and one of its most progressive agriculturalists. His farm is improved to its greatest capacity and is equipped with every modern convenience in the way of machinery. He is becoming more prosperous every year and his success is founded upon hard work and personal effort.

In October, 1894, Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Foy, a daughter of Thomas and Bridget Foy, who left Ireland for America in 1848 and settled in Forest township. The father died in 1885, at the age of seventy-one years, and the mother passed away in 1901, when in her fifty-seventh year. They had a family of nine children. To Mr. and Mrs. King have been born four children: Stephen, born June 20, 1896; Adeline, born February 26, 1898; Thomas Francis, born September 17, 1900; and Joseph, who is the youngest in the family. The family are devout adherents of the Roman Catholic faith and are firm believers in its doctrines. They are regular attendants of St. Mary's church in Eden and actively interested in the affairs of that organization. Politically Mr. King is a democrat in national issues but never allows party lines to influence his convictions in local affairs. He has never been an office seeker but served with great ability as treasurer of school district No. 7, Forest township. In the advancing development of scientific agriculture Thomas King has not been left behind. He is one of the representative citizens of Empire township and has many warm friends in the district where his native buoyancy and hopeful outlook upon the world make him popular wherever he is known.

LEANDER FERGUSON.

Forty years' identification with mercantile interests in Brandon, during which period he has carried on his business along profitable and honorable lines, entitles Leander Ferguson to be numbered among the representative citizens of Fond du Lac county. Moreover, he has been an influential factor in political circles and his influence has been felt as a progressive element along social and moral lines. He was born in Delaware county, New York, a son of F. P. and Betsey (Landon) Ferguson, who during his childhood removed with their family to Springvale, Wisconsin. It was there that Leander Ferguson secured his early education in the public schools, later entering upon a course of study in Lawrence College, but his studies were interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war. His patriotic spirit aroused, he enlisted as a private in the Thirty-second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and was promoted to the rank of corporal and afterward to that of sergeant. He was transferred as lieutenant to the Forty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and when mustered out was serving with that rank.

Following the close of the war Mr. Ferguson returned to Wisconsin and settled on a farm in Waukesha county, where he followed agricultural pursuits for nine years. On the expiration of that period he established his home in Brandon and opened a general mercantile store, with which he has been connected for forty years, enjoying throughout the period well deserved and continuous prosperity. He is a careful and conservative buyer; his stock is always attractively and tastefully arranged; his prices are reasonable and his dealings honorable. Those qualities have combined in winning for him his reputation as a leading merchant of Fond du Lac county and he is widely and favorably

known in the city of his residence, where his efforts have been an important factor in promoting commercial progress.

On the 6th of September, 1866, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage in Brandon to Miss Harriet H. Foster, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Foster. Her father came from England to America about 1835 and followed farming in Waukesha county, this state, for a number of years, but afterward removed to Brandon, becoming the first general merchant of the village. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson had one son who died in infancy and they are now rearing and educating an adopted daughter, Annie R.

In politics Mr. Ferguson is a consistent republican and in various capacities has served his fellow citizens as an official, being at different times supervisor, assessor and village clerk. That he is a recognized leader in political circles is indicated by the fact that for six years he was a member of the republican state central committee. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, and he has been identified with various wholesome and purifying reforms which have been growing in the political life of the age. He is prominent in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, acting as chaplain and mustering officer and department commander for the state of Wisconsin. He belongs to the Methodist church and is widely known in religious circles, serving as delegate to the general conference of his church and in many ways promoting its interests and its upbuilding. His exemplary public and private character has gained him the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. Success has come to him in business, as well as in public life, and both have been won through intelligently directed effort, supplemented by a high conception of and faithful performance of duty.

HENRY SCHERER.

Henry Scherer, who is one of the highly respected citizens of Fond du Lac, has for many years been the proprietor of the Fond du Lac File Works, located at 112 West Johnson street, of this city. He is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in that country on March 20, 1836, and is the only child born to his parents, Henry and Kathryn (Bicking) Scherer, both natives of that country. The father died in his native land in 1845, at the age of thirty-seven, and the mother passed away in 1884, at the age of eighty-two years.

Henry Scherer was reared and educated in his father's home in Germany and in early life was employed in a gristmill, in which occupation he continued for six years, after which he was engaged at various kinds of employment until he was nineteen years of age. In the year 1855, in company with his mother, he emigrated to America, first taking up his abode in Albany, New York, where he learned the business which he has since followed as a means of livelihood. He remained in Albany until 1866 and then came to Fond du Lac, where he established himself in the file business, in which he has since engaged.

Mr. Scherer has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Eliza M. Wells, of Troy, New York, whom he wedded on March 28, 1860. To that union nine children were born, seven of whom survive, namely: Nicholas, of Fond du Lac; Katie, of New York; Henry and Charles, both of whom reside in Fond du Lac; Millie, of Milwaukee; Lena, of Oak Creek, Colorado; and Louis, of Fond du Lac. The mother of these children passed to her reward beyond, many years ago, and some time after her demise Mr. Scherer was again married, one child, Clara, being born of the second union.

Mr. Scherer gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a loyal and consistent adherent of that political organization, and for four terms served as town supervisor. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order

and also is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a respected and enterprising citizen of Fond du Lac, highly esteemed by his friends and known among all his business acquaintances as a man of strict integrity in all business transactions.

O. A. NICHOLS.

O. A. Nichols, who is living on the old Hayes homestead in Eden township, in the cultivation of which he has been actively engaged for the past nine years; was born in Iowa in December, 1874. His parents are J. W. and Hannah Maria Nichols, the father being also a native of Iowa.

O. A. Nichols has been a resident of Wisconsin since 1895. The year after his arrival in this state he was married and subsequently located on a farm near Byron, which he cultivated until 1903, when he took charge of the farm where he is now living in Eden township, and has ever since devoted his energies to its further improvement and cultivation.

The lady who has borne the name of Mrs. Nichols since 1896 was formerly Miss Estelle Hayes, and is a daughter of Quimby Hayes, one of the pioneers of Fond du Lac county. Mr. Hayes was born and reared in Ohio, but in 1846 he came to Wisconsin and soon thereafter bought a tract of timberland in Eden township. He subsequently erected thereon a log cabin in which the family resided in those early years when he was laboriously engaged in clearing his land and placing it under cultivation. As he prospered he provided better accommodations for his family and later erected a modern residence in which Mrs. Nichols was born. He was one of the public-spirited, enterprising men of the pioneer period and took an active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community. He was clerk of the school district for many years and also served as justice of the peace and was postmaster during the early days. He lived to attain the venerable age of eighty-five years, sixty-two of which had been passed in Fond du Lac county, where his death occurred in August, 1908. His wife, whose maiden name was Christina Smith, is a native of the state of New York, whence she came to Wisconsin with her parents in early life. She is now sixty-eight years of age and continues to make her home in the farm where she passed the entire period of her married life. To Mr. and Mrs. Nichols there have been born two children, Gladys and Irving, who are attending school.

EDGAR A. WRIGHT.

Edgar A. Wright is one of the owners and proprietors of the Fond du Lac Paper Box Company. This company is engaged in the manufacture and sale of paper boxes and since the date of its establishment in 1909 has continued to do a very successful and constantly increasing business. He was born in Cherokee, Iowa, July 19, 1884, and is the son of J. B. and Jennie (Pulver) Wright. His father is a native of Illinois and his mother of Indiana and to them four children were born: Edgar A., the subject of this review; Clarence, who married Miss Mabel M. May, of Rockford, Illinois, in which city they reside; Nellie, who is the wife of Stephen Julian and they reside in Ogle county, Illinois, where Mr. Julian is engaged in the operation of a farm; and Bessie, who lives in Rockford, Illinois.

Edgar A. Wright was reared in his parents' home and educated in the public schools of Rockford, completing his studies in the high school of that city. At the age of eighteen he started in life for himself in the paper box busi-

ness and later he pursued a course of studies for a year and a half in the Rockford Business College, after which he was engaged as an employe in various paper box factories for seven successive years. In 1909 he removed to Fond du Lac where in copartnership with his brother Clarence, he organized and established the Fond du Lac Paper Box Company. This manufacturing plant was modest in its beginning, employing during the first year only three skilled laborers in taking care of its volume of business. It has grown continuously since the day on which its doors were first opened until now it requires fifteen laborers to take care of its regular and growing trade. At present the Fond du Lac Paper Box Company is a closed corporation, the members of which are Edgar A. Wright, Clarence L. Wright and Matthew Zehren. The factory, warehouses and salesroom are located at No. 180 North Main street, in Fond du Lac.

Edgar A. Wright chose as his partner in life, Miss Marion Romig, of Chicago, a daughter of Dr. B. B. Romig. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wright one child has been born, Helen M. Mr. Wright is affiliated with the republican party and is a member of the Order of Buffaloes, of Fond du Lac. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Wright is a member of the board of trustees. He is one of the highly respected and representative citizens of Fond du Lac county and is known to be a man of strict integrity and uprightness of character. His influence and assistance are always available in the promotion of any enterprise of public interest seeking the advancement of the people in his state and county.

LINUS G. MATHEWS.

General farming and stock-raising claim the attention of Linus G. Mathews who is pleasantly situated on a farm on section 22, Metomen township. His birth occurred in Alto township, this county, October 14, 1855, his parents being Horatio and Olive (Avery) Mathews. Both were of Puritan descent and the father was born in Canada in 1825, while the mother's birth occurred in Bennington, New York, in 1827. The father was yet an infant when taken by his parents to the Empire state, where he lived until 1844, when he made his way westward to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and entered from the government a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Alto township. A year later he returned to New York and was married, after which he brought his bride to Wisconsin, settling upon the farm which he had taken to develop and which he made his home until 1860. He then sold that property and bought forty acres on Round prairie, where his son, Linus G. Mathews, now lives. To this holding he kept adding from time to time as his financial resources increased until he was the owner of two hundred and twenty acres. He died upon the old homestead April 11, 1912, and his widow is still living there with her son Linus. There were but two children in the family, a son Amos dying when a young man.

Liberal educational opportunities were afforded Linus G. Mathews who finished a course in Ripon College and afterward pursued a commercial course in Daggett College at Oshkosh. He always made his home with his parents, assisting his father more and more in the work of the farm as he advanced in strength and years. His practical experience and training well qualified him to at length take charge of the place which he is now carefully managing. He carries on both general farming and stock-raising, cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and raising good grades of various kinds of stock. He has fourteen head of graded Holstein cows used for dairy purposes. He also has business interests outside of farming, being a shareholder in an oil

well in California and also one of the stockholders of the Alto Telephone Company.

In 1880 Linus G. Mathews was married to Miss Hattie Wood, a daughter of Edward and Selina (Brown) Wood, both of whom were natives of New York and were of English descent. Coming to Wisconsin Mrs. Mathews' parents settled on a tract of land in Alto township, Fond du Lac county, but afterward sold that farm and removed to Ripon, Wisconsin, where the father established an implement store. Both he and his wife remained residents of Ripon until their life's labors were ended in death. Their family numbered three children: Seth H., who is a painter and decorator of the state of Washington; Mrs. Mathews, who was born in Ripon, September 1, 1857, and died September 22, 1903; and May, the wife of Jess Farnsworth, street commissioner of Ripon. The children of Mr. Mathews are Lee G. and Harry. The former was born December 22, 1883, and completed a course in the Brandon high school, after which he attended the normal school at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and the State University at Madison. The younger son, born March 14, 1894, is at home.

Linus G. Mathews is a member of the Farmers Fraternal Union and in politics is a democrat. Rather than play an important part in public affairs he has preferred to concentrate his time and energies upon his business interests and through his close application and capable management has won a gratifying measure of success, ranking with the representative farmers of the district.

JOHN W. IMMEL.

John W. Immel, president of the Immel Construction Company and also of the Vulcan Manufacturing Company, has for several years been successfully and prominently identified with the building interests of Fond du Lac. He was born in Empire, this county, on the 2d of July, 1872, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Smith) Immel. The father was born and reared in Germany, where he passed eighteen years of his life, before he emigrated to the United States, locating in Wisconsin. Here ten years later, at the age twenty-eight, he was married to Miss Smith, also a native of Germany, and to them were born eleven children: Elizabeth, Henrietta, Frank M., Irma, Louis, Henry, Margaret, John W., Katherine, Hannah and Mamie. The father passed away on the 15th of February, 1888, at the age of sixty-three years and seven months, but the mother is still living and continues to make her home in this city.

John W. Immel, who is the youngest son and eighth in order of birth, received his education in the public schools of his native town. He terminated his school days at the age of thirteen and for two years thereafter assisted his father with the operation of the home farm. At the expiration of that time he learned the trades of masonry and carpentry, which he followed for eighteen months after completing his period of service, before he came to Fond du Lac. He was a good mechanic and after coming here he engaged in the contracting and building business. As he was efficient and thoroughly reliable he rapidly built up a good trade, and continued in this line until 1909. In the latter year he and his brother, Henry J., became associated with C. A. Lyneis and H. J. Kleineschay in the organization of the Immel Construction Company. H. J. Immel is vice president of this concern; C. A. Lyneis, secretary; and H. J. Kleineschay, treasurer. Although this enterprise has only been in active operation since 1910, they are being favored with many important contracts and have every reason to feel gratified with the progress they have made. In February, 1911, Mr. Immel further extended the scope of his activities by the organization of the Vulcan Manufacturing Company. He is also president of this enterprise,

while Peter Hoffman is the vice president and W. Anderson is the secretary and treasurer. They engage in the manufacture of structural steel and concrete forms of every description and also steam boilers. As the products of their plant are of a good quality and are offered at reasonable terms they are developing a large local trade, that gives them every reason to feel assured of continued prosperity for this enterprise.

Mr. Immel married Miss Irma Boehm of this city and they have one daughter, Leona K. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Immel is affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Equitable Fraternal Union. He is also a member of the Business Men's Club and served for four years as a member of the board of aldermen.

John W. Immel is in every sense of the word a self-made man, as he began his career when little more than a boy and has through energy and diligence advanced himself until he stands high in the regard of business men, having proven himself to be absolutely responsible and upright in the discharge of his private and public duties and worthy of the utmost confidence.

BERNARD CLARK.

Bernard Clark is farming eighty acres of land on section 32, Eden township, and has attained a gratifying degree of success in his agricultural operations. He was born in a log cabin on his father's farm in Eden township, on April 4, 1874. His parents were James and Rose (Newcomb) Clark, natives of Ireland. The father was the first representative of the family to come to America. He left his native country in his early manhood and crossed the Atlantic to New York state, where he engaged as a farm hand at a salary of six dollars per month. While there he was married to Miss Newcomb, who had made the journey to America alone with the intention of joining her brothers. James Clark established his residence in Fond du Lac county in the early '50s and soon afterward bought some government land in Eden township which he cleared, cultivated and improved during the remainder of his life. His original purchase consisted of eighty acres but he was constantly adding to his holdings and upon his death in June, 1880, he was proprietor of two hundred and forty-six acres of the finest and most highly improved land in Fond du Lac county.

Bernard Clark was one of a family of nine children. He has never left his native section of the country and has carried on agricultural activities in the vicinity of the home farm since he started in life for himself. He was educated in the district schools of Eden township but his attendance was irregular. He pursued his studies during the winter months and in intervals when his assistance was not required upon the farm. He remained with his father and assisted in his agricultural labors until his marriage. He then purchased his present farm of eighty acres on section 32, Eden township and has since assiduously applied himself to its improvement and development. He brings to his agriculture a practical working knowledge of its many details and a thorough efficiency which insure his success. He is responsible for all the improvements made upon his land and has given his entire time and attention to transforming from a comparatively wild section of the country, a flourishing, prosperous and model farm.

In 1901 Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Harlan, a daughter of Thomas Harlan. To their union have been born four children: Mary, Thomas, Rosa, and John. The family hold membership in the St. James' Catholic church of Eden and are regular attendants at its services.

Mr. Clark has been successful from the beginning of his career. He learned the rudiments of agriculture by personal experience and hard work upon his father's acres and became acquainted at an early date with the most approved

methods of soil cultivation and with the details necessary to the management of an up-to-date farm. He has devoted his entire time to agriculture and has attained the degree of success which is inseparable from an intelligent and specialized industry.

HERMAN BERGMAN.

Herman Bergman is engaged in general farming on section 1, Eldorado township. It was upon this farm that he was born in 1872, a son of August and Helen (Schulz) Bergman, both of whom were natives of Germany. On coming to America the father made his way westward to Wisconsin and cast his lot with the pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county, purchasing land from the government at the nominal price of two dollars per acre. He began the work of clearing and developing the land and converted the wild tract into productive fields. He was closely associated with farming interests here up to the time of his death which occurred in 1909. His wife still survives and lives on the old home place. In their family were five sons, Herman, Ernest, Fred, Henry and Otto.

At the usual age Herman Bergman entered public school and therein pursued his education, his time being divided between his schoolbooks and the plow for at an early age he began work in the fields. After leaving school he gave his undivided attention to farming and he and his brother Ernest, twenty-six years of age, are still living on the old homestead with their mother. They have here a good tract of land constituting a well developed farm for they practice modern methods and utilize the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. The father and sons erected all the buildings upon the place and have made all the improvements. In addition to his share in this property Herman Bergman owns eighty acres in Friendship township. His has been an active, busy and useful life, quietly passed in the work of the farm, and that his methods are founded on good judgment is manifest in the success which has attended his labors.

In his political views Mr. Bergman is a republican, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He attends the Lutheran church and is well known throughout the community where his entire life has been passed and where he has so directed his labors as not only to win a fair measure of prosperity but also the high regard and friendship of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

ADELBERT BRUNET.

Adelbert Brunet, who is lieutenant of Company E, Second Wisconsin National Guard and a veteran of the Spanish-American war, has for the past three years been discharging the duties of game warden in Fond du Lac. He is a native of this city, his birth having here occurred on the 24th of September, 1873. His father, Gideon Brunet, was born in Canada in 1830. The mother, whose maiden name was Minnie Bastien, was also a native of Canada, and died in Fond du Lac in 1897. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brunet, our subject being the fourth in order of birth, the others being Josephine, Ferdinand, Oliver, Leona, Horriner, Alphonso, Olympia, Joseph and Marie.

Adelbert Brunet was reared in this city and pursued his education in the graded and high schools until he was a youth of seventeen years. He then laid aside his text-books and became self-supporting and for six years thereafter

was employed in the sawmills of this vicinity. He next learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for thirteen years, being employed in the railroad shops of this city during the greater part of that time. He resigned his position in 1909 and on the 28th of October of that year was appointed state game warden and has ever since been discharging the duties of that office. At the opening of the Spanish-American war, Mr. Brunet, who was a member of the Second Wisconsin National Guard, went to the front with Company E. They left this city for Camp Harvey, at 8:30 p. m., April 28, 1898, and on the 12th of May, entered the United States service. Three days later they left for Camp Thomas at Chickamauga Park, Georgia. On the 5th of July, fifty of their company left for Charleston, South Carolina, and four days later they were followed by the remainder. On the 20th of that month they sailed for Porto Rico on the transport Grand Duchess, arriving there eight days later. The same day they set sail for Ponce, where they arrived on the 29th and started for the interior. On August 6 they had a skirmish at Coamo and on the 27th of the same month returned to Ponce, and on September 1, set sail for home, arriving in New York September 7 and in Fond du Lac at 4 p. m., September 10. Mr. Brunet was made corporal of his company on the 28th of November, 1898, and on August 5, of the following year, was promoted to sergeant. On the 7th of December, 1904, he was made second lieutenant and on January 26, 1908, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

On the 12th of June, 1900, Mr. Brunet was united in marriage to Miss Philippine Bruederle, who was born in this city on the 31st of March, 1878, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Thuerwachter) Bruederle. The father is a cabinet-maker.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunet are members of the Roman Catholic church and fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and his political allegiance he gives to such men and measures as he deems of the greatest benefit to the interests of the majority.

OTTO S. FENNER.

Otto S. Fenner is now residing in his beautiful brick house situated in the midst of his broad acres of finely cultivated land, and is enjoying the fruits of a life of active industry and achievement. He was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, November 25, 1860, and is a son of Ferdinand and Wilhelmina (Trader) Fenner. His father was born in Germany in 1829 and followed the trade of brick-maker during the summer months and tailor in the winter. He left his native country in 1856 and came to Wisconsin with his family. He is still living in Fond du Lac, having long survived his wife, who died in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Fenner were the parents of seven children, four of whom are still living: Otto S., the subject of this sketch; Ferdinand, who married Sarah Ehart, of Lomira, by whom he has three children; Emma, the wife of Edward Knop, of Fond du Lac; and Minnie, the wife of William Zinske, of Fond du Lac, who also has three children.

Otto Fenner was educated in the district schools of his native county and pursued his studies until he was seventeen years of age. He then entered the employ of his father and worked for him until 1885. In the following year he was married and bought ninety-five acres of land from his father, which he improved and cultivated along scientific lines for some time. He later added to his holdings by buying the property of his brother Ferdinand, and this together with his original farm gave him one hundred and seventy acres of fine land in Lamartine township. He is still residing upon that property and has made it one of the best cultivated farms in this section of the county. It is equipped with substantial



MR. AND MRS. OTTO S. FENNER



barns and sheds for the protection of grain and stocked with one of the finest herds of cattle in Wisconsin, among which are seven head of thoroughbreds.

On February 18, 1886, Otto S. Fenner was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Cortta and they are the parents of nine children, Arthur, Lydia, Emma, William, Edward, Viola, Herbert, Florence and Oscar. Mr. Fenner is a republican and has served his party in various capacities. He was a member of the town board of Lamartine for two years and executed capable work as superintendent of roads. He has been interested in the cause of education during all his active life and has served as a member of the school board for twenty years. He belongs to the Evangelical church and is a prominent figure in its affairs. He has one of the most scientifically cultivated farms in Lamartine township. His opinion is always of weight in agricultural circles and he has attained a degree of prosperity which is the natural outcome of continued and intelligent endeavor along any line.

HENRY J. IMMEL.

Henry J. Immel, vice president of the Immel Construction Company, of which he was the first president, has been successfully identified with the building interests of Fond du Lac since 1907. He is a native of this county, his birth having occurred at Empire, on the 5th of April, 1869, and he is a son of Joe and Margaret (Smith) Immel, both natives of Germany. There the father passed the first eighteen years of his life, at the expiration of which time he came to the United States and located in Wisconsin, becoming one of the pioneers of Fond du Lac county. Here he met Miss Smith, who emigrated from Germany about three years later than he did and located in Empire, where they were married. Agricultural pursuits always engaged the attention of Mr. Immel, who passed away on the 15th of February, 1888, at the age of sixty-three years and seven months. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Immel number eleven, all of whom are still living. Elizabeth, who married George Smith, and is the mother of three sons, Edwin, Albert and George, is a resident of Fond du Lac. Henrietta married Frank Stroemer of Fond du Lac, and they have three children, Clara, Emma and Archie. Frank, who lives in Empire, married Gusta Grienart and they have five children, Milton, Mabel, Ruth, Mildred and William. Emma is living at home. Louis married Alvina Grienart and they have five children, Ada, Lester, Martha, Helow and Elmer. Margaret is unmarried and living at home. John M. married Emma Bohm of this city and they have one daughter, Leona. Katherine married Reynard Biertengroos and is living in Washington state. Hannah became the wife of Charles Jahn of this city and they have one son, Clarence. Mamie married Dr. Clason. Henry J. is the subject of this sketch.

The early years in the life of Henry J. Immel were passed in the town where he was born. He attended the public schools until he was fifteen, after which he assisted his father with the work of the farm for three years. After the death of his father he left home and learned the mason and carpenter trades. Upon the completion of his period of apprenticeship, he followed both occupations for three years, and then entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. Six months later he left their service and returned to his home town, where he worked at his trades until 1907. In the latter year he located in Fond du Lac, and during the first three years of his residence here engaged in contracting and building. At the expiration of that time he organized, with the assistance of others, the Immel Construction Company, of which he was the first president. He is now vice president of this company, while his brother, John W., is the president, C. A. Lyncis, secretary, and H. J.

Kleineschay, treasurer. Although they have only been engaged in business for two years, they have built up a large patronage and are meeting with a goodly measure of success.

Mr. Immel married Miss Emma Gohmann, a daughter of William Gohmann, who located in Empire in 1862. He there purchased forty acres of land and engaged in its improvement and cultivation until his retirement from active life in 1905.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Immel are members of the Lutheran church and he also belongs to the benevolent society. He is identified with the Business Men's Club and the Builders & Traders Exchange. His political support he gives to the republican party, and while residing in Empire he held the office of town treasurer for two years. Mr. Immel has always led a very active life and highly deserves the success which is now crowning his efforts as the result of close application and unremitting diligence.

FRANK M. McGAULEY, M. D.

Dr. Frank M. McGauley, with office at No. 86 South Main street, is now engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Fond du Lac, where he has made his home since six years of age. A thorough college course fitted him for the labors and responsibilities that now devolve upon him and further reading and research keep him in touch with all that is of vital importance to the profession brought out through investigation and research by its leading members as the days go by.

He was born in Empire township, Fond du Lac county, July 27, 1876. His paternal grandparents came to the middle west from New York, settling in Wisconsin at an early period in its development. They made the journey by way of the lakes but the boat on which they sailed was burned and they lost all of their household goods. They therefore had to start out anew in Wisconsin with nothing. Soon the grandfather of Dr. McGauley cleared a tract of land in Empire township but he was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, his death occurring a little later while he was yet in middle life. His wife survived him for many years and had passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey. In their family were the following named: Jerome, Thomas, Stephen, Peter, Mary, Veronica, Marcella and Lucinda.

Of this number Thomas U. McGauley was the father of Dr. McGauley. He was born in New York and was there reared as a farmer boy in the vicinity of Catskill. In 1857 he came to Wisconsin with his parents and located on a farm in Empire township. He was the second oldest son and upon the father's death the responsibility of providing for the family largely devolved upon him. He cultivated the old homestead farm for a considerable period but afterward started out in life independently, purchasing a portion of the old homestead, which he had to clear of the timber and improve. Thereon he reared his family, providing for their support through the cultivation of his one hundred acres of land. About thirty years ago he removed to Fond du Lac, where he has since lived. For a time he was employed by the Deering Harvester Company, the Milwaukee Harvester Company and still later by the International Harvester Company, remaining upon the road as a traveling salesman for those houses for several years. He then learned cabinet-making, which he has followed for the past twelve years, although he is now about seventy years of age. He and his wife are both consistent members of the Catholic church. He married Catherine A. Dyer, a native of Massachusetts, her parents having been early residents of Byron township, where they built a log cabin and lived in true pioneer style. Her father, John Dyer, was more than ninety years of age at the time of his

death, while his wife had reached the age of eighty-eight years. Their children were: John, Patrick, Michael, Andrew, Catherine and Mary. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas U. McGauley was blessed with four children: Frank M., of this review; Mae, wife of J. Wells McCoy, a resident of Fond du Lac; and Leo and John, deceased.

Dr. Frank M. McGauley has made his home in Fond du Lac from the age of six years. He was graduated from the high school in 1895 and later was bookkeeper for the Winnebago Manufacturing Company for six years. He turned from commercial to professional pursuits, however, with the feeling that he would find the latter more congenial and entered the Northwestern Medical School, at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1905. He then served as interne in Columbus Hospital at Chicago for fourteen months and afterward opened an office in Fond du Lac, where he has practiced continuously to the present time. That his work meets with high approbation is indicated in the large number that solicit his professional service in this city and the surrounding country. Almost continuous demands are made upon his time and energies and broad humanitarian principles prompt him to put forth his best efforts in behalf of those who know him.

On the 28th of June, 1907, Dr. McGauley was married to Miss Nora E. McKenna, a daughter of Maurice and Nellie (Fagan) McKenna. They have one child, Estella Mary, and they also lost a daughter, Margaret, who died in infancy.

Dr. and Mrs. McGauley are members of the Catholic church and he also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Politically he is a democrat and has served as city physician and health commissioner. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His professional relations are with the Fond du Lac County and State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association, and through the proceedings of those bodies he keeps in close touch with the advanced work that is being done by the profession. His work and his social qualities have combined to win him warm regard and the high esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

SAMUEL PETERSON.

Samuel Peterson is one of the respected and successful business men of Fond du Lac, where he is engaged in the milk and ice cream business, which he conducts under the name of Peterson's Pure Milk & Ice Cream Company. His factory and store-rooms are located at No. 388 Sherman street. Mr. Peterson is a native of Denmark, his birth having occurred in that country on April 9, 1862. He is a son of Peter and Maria (Rasmussen) Mortenson, both of whom were natives of Denmark. The father followed farming for a livelihood and was engaged in that occupation during his entire life, his death occurring many years ago in his native land. The mother emigrated to America in 1882 and the following year established her residence in Sheboygan. To Mr. and Mrs. Mortenson five children were born. Rasmus married in Denmark and died there in 1898. Martin married Louisa Munter, of Denmark, and they now reside in Fond du Lac with their family of two children, Martha and Adeline. Olegard passed away at the age of seven years. Samuel is the subject of this review and Maren concludes the family.

Samuel Peterson was reared at home in Denmark and emigrated to America in 1882. He at once made his way to Wisconsin, where he was engaged as a laborer in various occupations for the succeeding ten years. He later was employed in the cabinet-making business, filling the position of foreman of the shop, and so continued for seven years. In 1902 he engaged in the milk and

cream business and has since been continuously so engaged and has met with deserved and gratifying success. The business is conducted under the name of Peterson's Pure Milk & Ice Cream Company and its factory and equipment are located at No. 388 Sherman street, Fond du Lac.

Samuel Peterson chose as his companion in life Miss Anna Hansen, a native of Sweden and a daughter of Hans and Botilda (Hansen) Peterson. The father, who was also a native of Sweden, passed away in that country in 1872 and the mother emigrated to the United States in 1900, coming direct to Wisconsin. Her death occurred in Oshkosh in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have three children, Alma, Emma and Roloff.

Politically Mr. Peterson is affiliated with the socialist party, and fraternally he is a member of the Equitable Fraternal Union and also of the National Union and the Danish Brotherhood of Oshkosh. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Peterson is an energetic and industrious man, giving his entire time and attention to the care and promotion of his lucrative and rapidly increasing milk and ice cream business. He is a man of integrity and unquestioned honor in all business transactions and is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

EDGAR A. GOVE.

A native son of Fond du Lac county and a factor in its agricultural development is Edgar A. Gove, who was born on the farm where he now resides, on section 24, Springvale township, on May 22, 1861. He is a son of Richard G. and Martha (Lewis) Gove, natives of Vermont. His father was of old New England stock and labored in the lumber camps of his native state until he came west. He settled in Fond du Lac county at an early date and was numbered among its pioneers. He purchased eighty acres of land which was then entirely undeveloped and erected a little log cabin upon his holdings and this he made his home until the death of his wife in 1866. In that year he went back to Vermont and upon his return journey was accompanied by his mother-in-law, who managed his home for him until her death. The father of our subject died upon his farm in 1897. His wife was born in Tuppertown, Vermont, and came to Fond du Lac county with her husband. To their union were born three children: Edgar A., the subject of this sketch; Martha, the wife of William Smith, a thrasher in Empire, Wisconsin; and Ada, who died in childhood.

Edgar A. Gove attended district school No. 1, Springvale township, and his early life was spent in assisting his father with the work of the farm. He has resided upon his present tract of land with the exception of the summer of 1885 when he was employed near Fargo, North Dakota. He has added twenty acres to his father's one hundred and now owns one of the finest farms in this section. He carries on general agriculture and stock-raising and has a dairy herd of twenty high-grade Holsteins, whose head is a registered animal. He is a shareholder in a threshing outfit which he owns in partnership with two of his neighbors. The firm which was organized nine years ago is still doing a large amount of work throughout Springvale township and in the neighboring districts.

On October 20, 1896, Mr. Gove was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Henning, a daughter of Fred and Reka (Henning) Henning, both natives of Germany. They came to America and located in Fond du Lac county where they are now living upon their farm on section 25, Springvale township. The father is actively engaged in farming and is numbered among the earliest settlers in his district. Mrs. Gove was born in Eldorado township and died on March 29, 1909, and is buried in Rosendale cemetery. She and her husband became the parents of seven children: George Richard, born October 20, 1897, who is now attending school in Rosendale; Clara Mabel, who has

managed her father's home since her mother's death and is attending district school No. 1, Springvale township; William Edgar, born August 28, 1901, also attending school; one child, born June 27, 1903, who died in infancy; Esther, born September 19, 1904, who died on December 13, of the same year; Edna, whose birth occurred on January 13, 1906, and who died on the 28th of June of the same year; and Charles, whose birth occurred June 11, 1908.

In his political views Mr. Gove is a consistent republican and served for three years as school treasurer in school district No. 1. His wife was a member of the German Lutheran church. He has added to the resources of his county one hundred and twenty acres of land, drained, fenced and improved, and has won his success by practical activity which is the basis of productive agriculture.

OTTO E. WODSEDALEK.

Otto E. Wodsedalek is the proprietor of an up-to-date and well stocked gentlemen's furnishing and shoe store, located at North Fond du Lac. He was born in Kewaunee county, Wisconsin, on the 17th of September, 1883, and is a son of Frank and Mary (Posepny) Wodsedalek, both natives of Bohemia. The father emigrated with his parents to America when he was but six years of age. As he grew to maturity he followed the business of farming for a livelihood and in that vocation he was very successful. His death occurred on the 1st of June, 1895. The mother came to Wisconsin at the age of nineteen and is still living on the home farm in Kewaunee county. In their family were five children, four of whom survive. Bessie married Edward Wesseliek, an ironmolder, and they reside in Kewaunee. To them two children have been born, Alice and Lucella. Frank married Anna Jeralek, of Kewaunee, and they have one child. Otto E. is the subject of this review. Jerry is engaged in teaching in the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Otto E. Wodsedalek was reared in his parents' home and educated in the public schools of Kewaunee. At the age of fifteen he started out in life for himself as an apprenticed shoemaker and continued to follow that trade for a period of thirteen years, during which time he was employed by a number of people at various commercial centers in this state. On February 7, 1912, he opened a gentlemen's furnishing and shoe store at North Fond du Lac and engaged in business for himself. He carries a full line of up-to-date, first-class stock and has met with gratifying success.

Mr. Wodsedalek gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and fraternally he is connected with the Equitable Fraternal Union. He is one of the enterprising business men of Fond du Lac and has already established for himself an enviable name in the business circles of Fond du Lac county, where he is much esteemed and highly respected for his strict attention to business interests and his upright character.

EMIL T. GREBE.

Emil T. Grebe is one of the progressive and enterprising young business men of Fond du Lac where he is conducting a bakery by modern and systematic methods which have won for him success. He is a native of Wisconsin, having been born in Forest township on August 3, 1888, and is a son of Henry and Margaret Grebe, the former of Germany and the latter of Forest township. His father came to Fond du Lac county when he was only seven years of age and was educated in the public schools of the city of Fond du Lac. He is now con-

ducting a grocery store at No. 92 North Main street in that city and has attained a gratifying degree of success. He and his wife had seven children: Paul; Emil, the subject of this review; Martin; Rudolph; Oscar; Bernhardt; and Leona.

Emil T. Grebe was educated in the district schools of Forest township and also in the German Lutheran school of that district. He spent three months in a business college and when he laid aside his books was employed as a grocery clerk working for five years in his father's store. He then acted as collector of accounts in Fond du Lac for two years, abandoning this line of occupation in order to learn the bakery trade. He has established himself independently in business and has attained at an early age a gratifying and well deserved prosperity. He is a republican in his political beliefs but has never sought public office. He belongs to the Lutheran church in which faith he was reared from childhood. He resides with his parents at No. 124 West Follette street, in Fond du Lac, and has many warm personal friends in the city where he has resided for many years. His business life is intelligently ordered and quietly progressive and his store is a most attractive commercial enterprise. He is already respected in Fond du Lac as a representative of the best elements in the business life of the city and his future success is assured.

CHARLES R. DUDLY.

Charles R. Dudley, who is living retired in Lamartine township, but was for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Fond du Lac county, was born in New Hampshire, on the 18th of February, 1834. He is a son of Timothy and Elizabeth K. (Davis) Dudley, also natives of New England, the father's birth having occurred in Vermont in 1804, and that of the mother in New Hampshire. He was a carpenter but in connection with his trade he also practiced veterinary surgery, both in New Hampshire and Iowa, where he located with his family in 1855. Here he and the mother passed the remainder of their lives, her death occurring in 1868. They were the parents of six children, of whom our subject is the eldest.

The first twenty-one years in the life of Charles R. Dudley were passed in his native state, whence he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa in 1855. After five years' residence in the Hawkeye state he came to Wisconsin, locating on a farm in Fond du Lac county. Here he has ever since made his home and during the intervening years has been an interested observer of its progress and development, toward which he has contributed his quota. For many years he was successfully identified with agricultural pursuits and during the pioneer period he also engaged in teaming, and hauling hay and grain to Fond du Lac. He was diligent and thrifty, intelligently directing his energies toward the achievement of a definite purpose. As a result he prospered in his undertakings, becoming known as one of the substantial citizens of his community. For some years past he has been living in retirement, making his home with his son Fred, one of the well known agriculturists of Lamartine township.

At Fond du Lac on the 5th of May, 1861, Mr. Dudley was married to Miss Jeannette Hankins, a daughter of James M. and Lucy Hankins. The father was the owner of one of the first sawmills in the county and he also engaged in farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Dudley were born four sons. William H., who is a chemist residing in Minneapolis, married Minnie Pike, of Lamartine, and to them have been born seven children. Fred M., who is farming in Lamartine township, chose for his wife Elizabeth Jane Willis, a native of Fond du Lac county. Albert, whose energies are also devoted to farming married Meta Stuart and they have one child. Frank, who is farming in this county, married Ruth Willis of Fond du Lac, where she passed away leaving one child.

In matters of religious faith Mr. Dudley is a Methodist, while his political support he accords to the republican party. He is widely and favorably known in this community, where he is accorded by old and young the respect ever merited by those who have led honorable and upright lives.

JAMES THOMPSON.

The attractiveness of Wisconsin as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her sons have remained within her borders, feeling that no better opportunities or advantages could be elsewhere obtained. Among this number is James Thompson who was born in 1859. His parents were Robert and Bridget (Ford) Thompson, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They came from the Emerald isle to the new world in 1849 and settled first in the east, but after living in that part of the country for about three years they resumed their westward way and at length settled in Winnebago county, this state. Afterward they took up their abode in Eldorado township, Fond du Lac county, about 1865, and were soon well known among the enterprising farming class of this region.

James Thompson was about six years of age at the time of the removal to this county, and in the public schools he pursued his education, making good use of his time and opportunities so he laid a substantial foundation for his success in later life. He and his father did all the clearing upon the home place and erected all the buildings. The father died in 1891 and for about nine years was survived by his wife who passed away in 1900.

James Thompson has been a lifelong farmer and the energy and industry which he has brought into his business are the measures of his success. He has worked long and diligently and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicates that his time has been well spent. He takes little active part in public affairs, especially along political lines. He attends the Catholic church. For almost a half century he has lived in this county and has a wide acquaintance while his many sterling traits of character have gained for him the regard and good-will of those who know him.

WILLIAM E. KNOCKE.

William E. Knocke, manager of the local office of the Cudahy Company of Milwaukee, has been identified with the business interests of Fond du Lac for the past sixteen years. He was born in Sheboygan county, this state, on the 19th of October, 1872, and is a son of Charles and Sophia Knocke. The parents are both natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1848, locating in Sheboygan county, where the father engaged in farming. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Knocke numbered eight, our subject being the third in order of birth. The others are as follows: Henry, who died in Sheboygan in 1902, and left a widow, whose maiden name was Anna Hertz, and two sons, Robert and Carl; Emma, the wife of Ernest Fricke of Sheboygan by whom she has had two sons, Herbert and Carl; Louis, who married Anna Serus, also of Sheboygan, and has two children, Dorothy and Carl; Charles; Lulu, who married Henry Flicker, of Sheboygan and has two children; Meta, the wife of Albert Myers of Sheboygan, by whom she has had two children; and Harry.

William E. Knocke attended the public and high schools of his native city until he was a youth of about fourteen years, when he began earning his own living. In order to better qualify himself for the practical duties of a business

career for two years thereafter he attended the night classes of the commercial college at Sheboygan, while he worked in a meat market during the day. He left home in 1889, and very soon thereafter became identified with the Cudahy Company of Milwaukee, and sixteen years ago they made him manager of their branch at Fond du Lac. As he is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business and is diligent and systematic in his methods he is well qualified for the duties involved in this position and has given excellent satisfaction as is manifested by the length of his period of service.

Mr. Knocke married Miss Ethel O'Brien of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and they have one daughter, Gertrude. He is a member of the Congregational church and he also belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Woodmen of America. His political views accord with the principles of the republican party and he served as a member of the school board for two years and was alderman from the second ward for one term. Mr. Knocke possesses many admirable qualities and is held in high regard in local business circles where he has won many staunch friends.

THOMAS SEAMAN.

Thomas Seaman has been identified with the agricultural development of Eden township, where he has owned a farm of one hundred and fifty-six acres for forty-five years, and is numbered among the pioneers of Fond du Lac county. He is a native of England, his birth having there occurred on the 16th of February, 1837, and a son of William and Martha Seaman, the former a native of Norfolk. The parents passed their entire lives in the mother country, where our subject received his early education.

In 1856 Thomas Seaman came to America and for several years thereafter made his home in the state of New York. The first year of his residence in this country was spent on a farm, where he worked for his board and attended school during the winter months. He subsequently entered the employ of another farmer, with whom he remained until 1860, and here he was likewise granted the privilege of attending school during the winter. It was his desire to become a teacher and in order to achieve his ambition his evenings and spare hours were devoted to study. He excelled in writing and diligently applied himself to perfecting this art and for a time held classes in the evenings in the village school. In 1860 he came to Wisconsin and took up his residence with two uncles who were residing in Eden. He remained with them until after the opening of the war in 1861, when he enlisted in Company B, Tenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He acted as regimental clerk during the greater period of his enlistment and he spent eight months in the recruiting service. He was in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Atlanta, Missionary Ridge, and Lookout Mountain. At the battle of Stone River he was struck in the chest by a piece of shell, the force of the blow causing a severe hemorrhage. He became unconscious and for twenty-four hours lay on the battlefield among the dead. When they were preparing the bodies of his comrades for burial, it was observed that he moved, so he was hurried to the hospital, where he was confined for two months. At the end of that time he rejoined his regiment and remained at the front until honorably discharged in November, 1865, with the rank of sergeant. He subsequently became second lieutenant of Company I, Forty-seventh Wisconsin Infantry, and was later transferred to the Fifty-second regiment. In 1866, he served as quartermaster of the post at Madison, this state, and the year following he bought his farm, and leaving the army turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Very few improvements had been made on the place when Mr. Seaman purchased it, but during the long



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS SEAMAN

period of his ownership he has erected a modern house and barns, and brought the land under high cultivation, and it is now one of the attractive and valuable properties of the township.

In 1867, Mr. Seaman was married to Miss Hannah Carr, a native of Norfolk, England, and to them has been born one daughter, Hattie, who is living at home with her parents.

Mr. Seaman cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and still gives his support to the candidates of the republican party. He has never held an official position, having declined to serve in any public capacity, although he takes an active interest in all matters affecting the welfare or progress of the community, particularly those bearing upon the schools and educational system. Mr. Seaman is not affiliated with any religious denomination, but he is a strong advocate of churches and upholds and assists in advancing the Christian faith by contributing toward the maintenance of various orders and churches. He is a man of sterling worth and possesses many estimable qualities, and in his private life manifests the same loyalty and fidelity of purpose that characterized him as a soldier when in the camp and on the battlefields of the south.

NICHOLAS J. KLOTZ, JR.

One of the sterling citizens of Austrian descent residing near Eden in Fond du Lac county, who is doing much in a quiet way to make the soil of this locality productive and its commercial enterprises successful, is Nicholas J. Klotz, Jr. His family is now in the third generation of its residence in Wisconsin and the record of its representatives is a story of hard and unwearying work along developing lines. The family was founded in Wisconsin by Ignatius Klotz, the grandfather of our subject, who left his native country—Austria—in 1851 and crossed the Atlantic to America, accompanied by his wife, Katherine Klotz, and his son Nicholas J., Sr., the father of our subject. In the township of Eden he bought land which he improved and developed to a remarkable extent. He built a log cabin upon his place from the timber cut upon the land and in this the family resided for many years. A short time before his death Ignatius Klotz built a fine stone dwelling upon the old homestead, the material being hauled from the Eden quarries with ox teams, and the house in its completed state is one of the most beautiful and comfortable homes in the township. Ignatius Klotz remained upon his original farm until his death.

His son, Nicholas J. Klotz, Sr., was born in Austria, August 8, 1843, and came to Wisconsin with his parents when he was eight years of age. He was reared upon his father's farm and early in life became acquainted with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the grain and stock. He received a splendid education for those times as his father was a firm believer in an efficient schooling. After he had completed his studies in the common schools of Fond du Lac county he entered college at Brooklyn, New York, and remained there for two years. When he laid aside his books he returned to his father's farm and assisted in its labors until 1862, when he journeyed west on a prospecting tour. He remained away about a year but not being particularly successful he returned home and in 1867 bought land in the township of Eden, where he made his home. He afterward added more land to his farm, purchasing adjoining acres at various times. He built new barns and outbuildings, greatly improved the place and added new and efficient machinery. He was one of the enterprising and representative men of his district and was at different times elected upon the democratic ticket to serve the people. He was sheriff of Fond du Lac county in 1874 and during the term of his service lived with his family in the city of Fond du Lac. He was assemblyman for two years and chairman of the town council

for a like period of time. He is still prominent in democratic politics and is intelligently and actively interested in the welfare of his community. He is a member of St. Matthew's Catholic church of Campbellsport and is still living upon his home farm.

In July, 1869, Nicholas J. Klotz, Sr., married Miss Hannah Mahoney, a daughter of Michael Mahoney, one of the pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county. By their union were born nine children.

Nicholas Klotz, Jr., was born September 1, 1876, upon the home farm. He received his education in the district schools near Eden, spent four years in the parochial school in Campbellsport and was for four months a pupil in a parochial school in Fond du Lac. He took advantage of every educational opportunity and when he laid aside his books had an efficient equipment with which to start his active life. He returned to his father's farm and assisted in the labors incident to the cultivation of the soil until July 21, 1897. In that year he went to Milwaukee to accept a position as fireman on the Northwestern railroad in which connection he continued for four years and six months. He was ambitious, energetic and faithful in the performance of his duties and he soon gained promotion to the position of engineer. He worked in this capacity for five years, always in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company. His runs were out of Milwaukee, Chicago, Janesville and Green Bay, and afforded him opportunities of studying commercial and agricultural conditions in the states of Illinois and Wisconsin. He was called home by the death of his brother, George I. Klotz, which occurred in a hospital in Chicago. After this event the entire charge of the estate in Fond du Lac county devolved upon Nicholas Klotz, and he has been active and successful as an agriculturist since that time.

On November 23, 1910, Mr. Klotz was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Campbell, a daughter of William and Martha Campbell, whose family is one of the oldest in Fond du Lac county. By their union has been born one child, Gertrude Monica, whose birth occurred July 29, 1911.

Politically Mr. Klotz gives his allegiance to the democratic party in national affairs but keeps his judgment free and opinions liberal on local issues. He served as clerk of the school district for three years and did able and efficient work in this line. By his enterprise and energy along political lines and by his scientific and modern methods of agriculture Mr. Klotz has earned the high esteem of his fellow citizens and the place in the community to which he is entitled has never been denied him.

IRVING PRAY.

Irving Pray is the owner of a creamery located on East Thirteenth street, Fond du Lac, which he has been successfully conducting for the past thirteen years. He is a native of this county, his birth having occurred on the 26th of September, 1864, and a son of Caleb and Elmira (Collier) Pray. The mother, who had been previously married, had two children by her first union, Mortimer P. and Louisa A. Thayer. Of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Pray there were born two sons, the elder of whom, Perry, died at the age of three years.

Irving Pray was reared on the farm where he was born, and while pursuing his studies in the public school assisted his father with the work of the fields and care of the stock. At the age of seventeen years he laid aside his text-books, and thereafter gave his undivided attention to the work of the farm, in the operation of which he assisted his father until 1902. In the latter year he withdrew from agricultural pursuits and coming to Fond du Lac opened the business he is now conducting. Mr. Pray owns the property where he has established his

business and also his residence at 146 East Thirteenth street, as well as eighty acres of farm land.

Mr. Pray married Miss Maggie J. Bradley, a daughter of George Bradley, a farmer of Eden, this county, and to them were born three children: Perry S., the eldest, who married Ruby La Board of this city; and Bessie and Percy, who are living at home with their father. The wife and mother passed away on the 4th of December, 1894.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally Mr. Pray belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and also the Equitable Fraternal Union, while he accords his political support to the republican party. He has always led an active life and applies himself diligently and capably to anything he undertakes, to which fact can be attributed the success he is meeting with in the development of his business.

RICHARD STRELOW.

Richard Strelow has an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres on section 13, Springvale township, and is well and favorably known in the district as general agriculturist, dairy man and stock-raiser. He dates his residence in this section from 1882 and his active life has been spent upon the farm which he is now operating. He was born in Germany, June 19, 1875, the son of William and Wilhelmina Strelow, natives of that country. The parents came to the United States in 1882, locating near Brandon, where the father followed farming. His first purchase of land consisted of forty acres, to which he later added an equal amount, and upon this farm he and his wife are residing at the present time. To them were born ten children: Charles, who is engaged in farming in Metomen township; Augusta, the wife of William Gaulke, a farmer residing near Fair Water; Bertha, the wife of Rudolph Kurenka, who is engaged in farming in Minnesota; Amelia, the wife of Albert Erkman, who is operating a farm near Fair Water, Wisconsin; August, deceased; Herman, who is engaged in farming near Fair Water; Annie, the wife of John Gevelenske, a farmer residing near Rosendale; Richard, the subject of this sketch; Otto, at home; and William, of Fair Water.

Richard Strelow attended school at Brandon and worked upon the home farm until he was sixteen years of age. At that time he began earning his own livelihood, working out by the month upon neighboring properties. This he continued until he was twenty-two years of age and then located on the farm where he now resides. He first rented the property but later purchased the one hundred and sixty-two acres, buying from the estate of his wife's first husband. He carried on the work of development and improvement along progressive lines, later adding stock-raising to his activities until he is now one of the substantial citizens of his district and his farm a model agricultural enterprise. His dairy is one of the important branches of his work and he keeps fourteen high-grade cows for this purpose, selling the dairy products in the neighboring markets and in this way adding materially to his income.

On January 10, 1903, Mr. Strelow was united in marriage to Mrs. Augusta Scheurs, a daughter of Ferdinand and Ernestina Genrich and the widow of Garrett Scheurs. The latter was a well known farmer in Springvale township and carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on May 17, 1902. Mrs. Strelow is of German parentage, her father and mother having come from that country to the United States in 1882. They located in Princeton, Wisconsin, where they remained for one year, later removing to Ripon, where the father worked upon a farm for several years before he purchased land two and one-half miles southwest of Brandon. Upon this he resided

for five years, after which the property was sold and the family moved to the vicinity of Rosendale. In 1909 Mr. Genrich retired and moved into the village, where he and his wife now reside. They had ten children: August, deceased; Amelia, the wife of Charles Strelow, a farmer residing in Metomen township; Elizabeth, deceased; Augusta, the wife of our subject; Mary, the wife of William Wittchow, who is engaged in farming in Springvale township; Herman, who is operating the old home place near Rosendale; George, at home; Emil, deceased; William, who is engaged in farming in Byron township; and Robert, at home. By her former marriage Mrs. Strelow had three children: Emma, who was born April 1, 1896; Eddie, born June 22, 1899; and Robert, born January 3, 1901. All are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Strelow are the parents of five children: Harold, born in 1903; Laura, born February 5, 1905; Lawrence, born April 13, 1906; Lester, born October 7, 1910; and Lisle, born November 27, 1911. The family are members of the German Lutheran church of Rosendale.

Mr. Strelow gives his allegiance to the republican party but has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to devote his entire attention to the intelligent operation of his excellent farm. His success up to the present time has been the outcome of progressive, systematic and scientific methods and the reward of hard and persevering work. He has directed and managed his career so intelligently that he is today classed among the prominent agriculturists of Fond du Lac county.

DWIGHT W. MERRILL.

The career of Dwight W. Merrill has been a credit to Fond du Lac county, of which section he is a native son, and his agricultural activities have been a force in the development of the district. He is one of the thrifty, enterprising and progressively liberal farmers of Lamartine township, where he is cultivating two hundred and four acres of land, and his increasing success is evidence of his skill and industry. Mr. Merrill was born in the section where he is now active on April 29, 1861, and is the son of Harry and Esther (Waterman) Merrill. The father was born in New York state in 1831 and came to Lamartine township, where he farmed until his death, which occurred in 1909. The mother is a native of Michigan and is still living in Fond du Lac township in the eightieth year of her age. To their union were born six children: Nellie, who married J. E. Treleven, a retired farmer of Fond du Lac township, by whom she has one child, Lee; Louis, a resident of Virginia, who married Lydia Roberts and after her death wedded Mary Hartman, by whom he has six children; Dwight W., of this review; Eva, who became the wife of Alfred Morgan, a laborer of Fond du Lac, by whom she has four children, Myrtle, Merrill, Nellie and Jessie; Harry, who married Tillie Maxwell, of Nebraska, by whom he has two children; and Calvin, who is engaged in farming and who married Miss Edith Wookey, of Oakfield.

Mr. Merrill was educated in the district schools of Lamartine township and pursued his studies until he was twenty years of age. From early childhood he was familiar with farm life and was an able assistant to his father in his agricultural work. He remained at home until he was twenty-one and then rented land for two years. He was successful and at the end of that time was able to purchase a farm in Nebraska, which he cultivated for some years and then traded for Wisconsin land. This property he afterward sold in order to purchase his present farm, upon which he is now residing. He is one of the prosperous agriculturists and stock-raisers of Lamartine township and is numbered among the representative and enterprising citizens of that district. He makes a specialty of raising pure-bred Holstein cattle, of which he has a herd

of fifty head, and is also interested in raising high-grade Duroc Jersey hogs. His land is located on section 32 and in its improved and developed state is one of the features of the agricultural development of this section. He is also a stockholder in the Lamartine Creamery Company and a director and stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Oakfield. A man of resourceful business ability, he has directed his labors intelligently and systematically and his keen discernment and enterprise constitute the basis of a most substantial success.

Mr. Merrill has been twice married. His first union was with Miss Laura Roberts, who died in 1905, leaving four children, Bessie, Albert, Louis and Hazel. On January 26, 1911, Mr. Merrill wedded Miss Eva Gray and to their union has been born a daughter, Antoinette. He is a republican in his political beliefs and has served his fellow citizens as supervisor, which office he held for three years, and as clerk of the school board, in which capacity he was active for a similar period. He well merits the success which has come to him, for it has been gained by industry and honorable and straightforward dealings, high standards and tried methods.

WILLIAM PIEHL.

For three generations members of the Piehl family have farmed in Ashford township where their upright, energetic and honorable methods have become recognized. The present representative is William Piehl, who is carrying on general agricultural pursuits upon the homestead, having never left his father's farm. His methods are new, modern and progressive but his standards and ideals have been handed down to him from sturdy and upright German ancestors. The family was founded in America by the grandfather of our subject, John Piehl, who came with his wife, Dorothy, to America in 1856, settling upon a wild tract of land in Ashford township. Upon this he built a crude log cabin and here he lived until his death which occurred in 1877. He was succeeded by his son, Gottlieb Piehl, who was born in Germany in 1849 and came to the United States with his parents when he was only seven years of age. He remained upon his father's farm until his marriage which occurred in 1876 and then moved to the property which his son is now operating upon which he lived until his death which occurred in 1909. He made extensive improvements upon the place and built a fine brick house which is today the family residence. He erected barns, granaries and other outbuildings and was in all respects a modern and representative agriculturist. He affiliated with the republican party but never cared for public office. He married in 1876 Miss Augusta Buettener, a native of Germany, and a daughter of Carl Buettener, who was also born in that country. The mother of our subject came to America when she was six years of age. She and her husband had three children: Helen, who married Bartel Jaeger of Ashford township; Emma, who married John Damm and who died in 1903; and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Piehl received his education in the public schools of Campbellsport and from an early age was identified with the work of his father's farm. After the latter's death he took entire charge of its management and has since carried on general agriculture upon this property. His mother is still living and makes her home with our subject.

In 1910 Mr. Piehl was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Guntly a daughter of Matthias and Annie Guntly, and they became the parents of two children: Walter, who was born on February 25, 1911; and Lewis, who was born on the 9th of March, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Piehl belong to the German Reformed church, holding membership in Campbellsport.

Mr. Piehl is a republican in his political beliefs, as were his father and grandfather before him, but although he takes an intelligent interest in public

affairs he never seeks office. He is carrying on in agriculture the upright traditions which have been handed down to him from two generations of honorable and worthy cultivators of the soil and has gained success while he is a young man. He is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of his community and while he is too young to have by any means completed his success yet his present prosperity and the methods by which it has been attained are a pleasant prophecy.

DAVID GRATTON.

David Gratton is identified with the agricultural interests of Fond du Lac township, where he owns and cultivates twenty acres of land. He is a member of one of the pioneer families of Friendship township, where his birth occurred on the 7th of April, 1866. The father, Vetal Gratton, was a native of Canada, his birth there occurring in 1833. He came to Fond du Lac county in 1857, and engaged in farming until he passed away in 1900. The mother is likewise a native of Canada, but at the age of six years she removed to Fond du Lac county with her parents, and here she was reared to womanhood and married. To them were born ten children, of whom our subject is the youngest. In order of birth the others are as follows: Sophia, Albina, Julia, Della, Fannie, Mary, Moses, Joseph and Eugene.

The boyhood and youth of David Gratton did not differ in particular from that of the average lad reared in the rural sections of Wisconsin during the pioneer period. In the acquirement of his education he attended the district schools of Friendship township until he was fourteen. Laying aside his textbooks, he then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, with which he was already familiar, having for some years been assisting with the work of the fields and care of the stock. He remained at home, and aided his father in the cultivation of the farm until the latter's death, following which he went to Fond du Lac, where he remained for five years. Subsequently he resumed his connection with agricultural interests and in 1908 bought forty acres of land in Fond du Lac township, which he diligently cultivated until the spring of 1912, when he sold twenty acres of his holdings.

On the 9th of June, 1890, Mr. Gratton was married to Miss Melvina M. Shotte, a daughter of Daniel Shotte, farming people of Friendship township. To them have been born six children: Velic, Edward, Olive, Corinne, Blanche and one who died in infancy.

In matters of religious faith the family are Roman Catholics and politically Mr. Gratton is a democrat. Having passed his entire life in this county he enjoys a wide acquaintance among its citizens and has many friends, the majority of whom were comrades of his boyhood.

MICHAEL J. BECKER.

Michael J. Becker is one of the well known and respected citizens of Fond du Lac county where he is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, August 9, 1870, and is a son of Anton and Theresa (Beck) Becker, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was by trade a mason and by occupation a farmer. He was also engaged in school teaching during the winter months. He emigrated from his native country to the United States in 1820, settling in Wisconsin where he continued to reside

until the time of his death which occurred in 1874. The mother came to America with her parents at the age of eight years and they also settled in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Anton Becker became the parents of five children, two of whom are living: Michael J., of this review; and Anna.

Michael J. Becker was reared in his parents' home in Dodge county where he completed his elementary education at the age of twelve years. He remained under the parental roof until he was fourteen years of age at which time he started out in life for himself as a farm laborer and continued in that occupation without interruption for a period of twenty years. In 1910 he purchased eleven acres of land in the town of Fond du Lac and has since given his entire attention to the cultivation of his highly developed piece of property. After having gained a complete knowledge of the farming industry during his long period of service as a farm laborer he is now utilizing his understanding of the business as the owner and proprietor of his farm, in the conduct of which he is numbered among the successful agriculturists of Fond du Lac county.

Mr. Becker was united in marriage in 1908 to Miss Ella Guell, of Fond du Lac, a daughter of William and Bertha Guell, the former of whom has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Becker one child, Ruth, has been born. Mr. Becker is affiliated with the democratic party and he and his wife are members of the Catholic church. The family reside four miles west of Fond du Lac on the Fond du Lac and Brandon road. He is one of the respected and well known citizens of the township in which he lives and enjoys the good-will and esteem of all his friends and associates.

CHARLES HENRY McMILLAN.

Although one of the younger business men of Fond du Lac, Charles Henry McMillan has gained for himself a creditable and enviable position in industrial circles here, being now secretary, treasurer and manager of the Winnebago Manufacturing Company. He was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, July 19, 1882, and is a representative of one of the early families of this state. His paternal grandfather was at one time a manufacturer of pants at Malone, New York, and through his business connections became known all over the country. Removing westward he became one of the early settlers of Stevens Point, where he died at an advanced age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Harriet Barber, reached the remarkable old age of ninety-six years. They were the parents of twelve children, including Charles V. McMillan, who was born at Fort Carvington, New York, and married Kate Prentice, a daughter of J. L. and Sarah (Van Dusen) Prentice, both of whom reached advanced years. Her father was a soldier of the Civil war for four years and was one of the honored pioneer residents of Wisconsin, where he engaged in surveying a large amount of land for the government before the days of railroads. Unto him and his wife were born four children: Frankie, deceased; Kate, who became Mrs. McMillan; Jennie, the wife of Charles Conlisk; and Eugene. Both Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. McMillan were reared in the Empire state. Throughout his entire life he was engaged in the lumber business and following his arrival in Wisconsin, about 1855, he settled at Stevens Point. Subsequently he removed to McMillan, of which town he and his brother, E. F., were the founders. There he resided until 1890, when he came to Fond du Lac and purchased the plant which was formerly operated by C. J. L. Meyer. Since then he has continued in the business of manufacturing bedroom, office and dining-room furniture. He is at the head of one of the important enterprises of the city, employing about one hundred and fifty workmen in the production of a high grade of goods which finds a ready and profitable sale on the market. The business was incorporated in 1890 un-

der the name of the Winnebago Manufacturing Company, with a capital of two hundred thousand dollars. Their output is sold in all parts of the United States and they also do a large export business. Mr. McMillan, as head of this establishment, ranks with the foremost business men of Fond du Lac and his interests are of a character which contribute to public prosperity as well as to individual success. He and his wife occupy an attractive home at the corner of Park avenue and Second street. They are members of the Episcopal church and are held in high esteem by all who know them. Their family numbers four children: Anna, the wife of T. A. Green, of Ontonagon, Michigan; Charles H.; Marguerite, the wife of Dr. H. E. Clark, of Flint, Michigan; and Catharine, a student in Chicago.

Charles Henry McMillan was only about eight years of age when his parents removed from the town of McMillan to Fond du Lac and here in the public schools he continued his education which was later supplemented by study in the Lake Forest Academy at Lake Forest, Illinois. He then went into the pine woods of Northern Michigan, where he was employed for seven years, and on the expiration of that period he went abroad for a pleasure trip around the world. Upon his return he once more spent a year in the woods and then entered the employ of the government as harbor inspector at Duluth. On his retirement from that position he returned to Fond du Lac and entered the factory of the Winnebago Furniture Manufacturing Company, of which he is now secretary, treasurer and general manager. His previous experience in connection with the lumber industry well qualifies him for his present duties and responsibilities and he is justly accounted one of the enterprising young business men of Fond du Lac, his enterprise and energy carrying him into important relations.

On the 25th of July, 1908, Mr. McMillan was united in marriage to Miss Nina Courtney, a daughter of George E. and Minnie (Leight) Courtney, the former a native of Sarine, Ontario, and the latter of Michigan. Mrs. McMillan, their only child, was born at Lake Linden, Michigan, and by her marriage has become the mother of a little son, Charles C. Both Mr. and Mrs. McMillan hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are well known socially, their home being a most hospitable one and the center of a cultivated society circle.

HENRY HUCK.

Henry Huck, a young and enterprising agriculturist of Eden township, is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred acres and in its operation has won a creditable measure of success. It was on this farm that his birth occurred, his natal day being April 20, 1886. His parents, Charles and Katherine (Reikley) Huck, were both natives of Germany, the former born in 1835 and the latter in 1841. Mrs. Katherine Huck was brought to this country when but ten years of age. It was in 1856 that Charles Huck crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Empire township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he purchased a farm. A few years later he bought the land which has since remained the old Huck homestead and where his demise occurred in March, 1912. He was one of the most prominent among the old German settlers here and for many years held the office of supervisor. He was a leading and valued member of St. Mary's Catholic church and also belonged to the Foresters. His widow, who still survives him, resides on the home place with her son Henry. One of the most notable events of pioneer days was the double wedding of the brothers, John and Charles Huck, who were married on the 16th of December, 1861, to Anna Heid and Katherine Reikley, respec-



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES HUCK



tively, at the Catholic church in Dotyville, Fond du Lac county, by Father Joseph, a Capuchin monk from the monastery at Mount Calvary. He had walked from the monastery to the church, a distance of eight miles, to perform this ceremony, and neighbors came from twenty miles around, it being a gala day in what was then a wilderness. On the 16th of December, 1911, these couples, together with their descendants, celebrated their golden wedding, members of the two families then numbering over one hundred. On that day John Huck was seventy-seven years of age, while his wife was seventy-two; Charles Huck was in his seventy-sixth year and his wife was seventy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huck were born eight children, as follows: John, who died in infancy; Amelia; Frank; George; Charles; Henry, of this review; John, the second of the name; and Mary. In 1907 the last named gave her hand in marriage to Eugene Bannon, a son of James Bannon, of Campbellsport. Mr. and Mrs. Bannon have one child, Iolene Katherine, who was born on the 24th of January, 1909.

Henry Huck, like the other members of his father's family, obtained his education in the public school of his home locality. When not busy with his text-books he assisted in the work of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After his father's demise he purchased the home place of one hundred acres and has since operated the same with success, for he is thoroughly conversant with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for crops. In the community where he has always resided the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

FRANK E. SCHAEFER.

Frank E. Schaefer has been engaged in the saloon business at Fond du Lac for the past quarter of a century and since 1900 has been in partnership with his brother Daniel. The establishment of Schaefer Brothers is recognized as the best of its kind in the city and is patronized by the most desirable class of people. Frank E. Schaefer was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on the 9th of February, 1863, his parents being Daniel and Margaret (Earling) Schaefer, both of whom were natives of Prussia, Germany, the former born in 1821 and the latter in 1832. Daniel Schaefer, a carpenter contractor, came to this state in 1848 and passed away in 1907 when eighty-six years of age. It was in 1850 that he wedded Miss Margaret Earling, who had come to Fond du Lac the previous year. In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schaefer celebrated their golden wedding. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom still survive. Michael wedded Miss Mary King, of Fond du Lac, by whom he has five children: William, Frank, George, Marie and Beatrice. Frank E., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Mary gave her hand in marriage to Henry Schryer, a native of Germany and a carpenter by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Schryer now reside on a farm in Oregon and have one child, Margaret. Daniel, who wedded Miss Olga Tesch, of Oshkosh, is engaged in the saloon business in association with his brother Frank. Jennie is the wife of Emil Haas, a coal dealer of Fond du Lac.

Frank E. Schaefer attended a German parochial school until a youth of thirteen and then began contracting for lathing, furnishing employment to ten or more boys when but fourteen or fifteen years of age. At the end of three years he abandoned that line of work and when seventeen years old became yard master for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company at Neenah and Appleton, remaining in the service of that corporation until twenty years of age. Subsequently he spent about five years as an employe in a paper mill and in 1887 came to Fond du Lac here embarking in the saloon business. He remained sole proprietor until 1900, when his brother Daniel became his partner and since that time

the enterprise has been conducted under the name of Schaefer Brothers at No. 14 West First street. Financial success has come to him with the passing years and he not only owns his business property but also an attractive residence at No. 462 South Main street and several other pieces of real estate in Fond du Lac.

Mr. Schaefer was united in marriage to Miss Stella Solomon of Eden, her father being Fred Solomon, a cooper by trade. They have two children, Harold and Francis. Mr. Schaefer is a stalwart democrat in politics and served in the capacity of alderman for eight years or from 1895 until 1903. He belongs to the Business Men's Association and the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is a communicant of St. Joseph's church.

HENRY DE GROOT.

In an attractive home in Alto resides Henry De Groot, one of Fond du Lac county's native sons, who is now living retired. At different periods in his life he has been closely associated with agricultural and commercial interests but is now enjoying a well earned rest, his former labors having placed him in a financial condition that renders this course possible. He was born in Alto township on the 11th of June, 1852, and is a son of John and Angeline (Wellhouse) De Groot, both of whom were natives of Holland, the former born June 14, 1823. They came to the United States in 1846, settling in Alto township, where they were married. The mother died in 1863 and the father afterward wedded Jane Fonstein, also a native of Holland. Upon his arrival in Wisconsin John De Groot purchased eighty acres of land in Alto township at the government price of one dollar and a quarter per acre. This entire region was then wild and unimproved and gave little promise of rapid and substantial development, but he recognized the fact that the land was rich and arable and kept adding to his possessions as his financial resources permitted until at the time of his death he owned about four hundred acres. Year by year he added to the improvements upon his place and brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, continuing to reside thereon until 1877, when he retired and removed to Waupun. There his death occurred in 1896, while his second wife survived him until 1897.

Henry De Groot attended the district school and remained with his parents to the time of his marriage. He then removed to a part of his father's farm and carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1881, when he established his home in the village of Alto and opened a general store, which he capably and successfully conducted until 1906, when he sold out to his son and retired from active business. He is still the owner of two hundred and forty-six acres of land which he inherited from his father, situated on sections 32 and 33, Alto township. His home is one of the nicest residences in the village and he is now most comfortably situated in life, his former toil and business activity having brought to him a substantial competence. In addition to his other interests he is a stockholder in the National Bank of Waupun, Wisconsin.

In 1873 Henry De Groot was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Landaal, a daughter of John and Bertha (Mensink) Landaal. Her father, who for many years was a well known farmer of Alto township, was born in Holland in 1822 and in the early '50s came to the United States, settling in Alto township, where he secured a tract of land, adding thereto until at the time of his death he was the owner of three hundred and forty-five acres, constituting one of the rich, productive and well improved farms of the district. Bertha Mensink came to the United States with her parents about the same time as her future husband and the Mensink family also settled in Alto township. Here she gave her hand in marriage to John Landaal and both resided upon the home farm until death.

called them, Mr. Landaal passing away in 1895 and his wife in 1904. In 1906 Mr. De Groot was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 11th of February of that year, leaving two children: John E., who is a merchant of Alto; and Berdina Johanna. Mr. De Groot was married again July 25, 1907, when Mrs. Landaal, the widow of Cornelius Landaal, became his wife. She was a daughter of Aarand John and Dina (Scovenaugh) Nyland, both of whom were natives of Holland, the former born November 9, 1828, and the latter October 2, 1831. Mr. Nyland came to the United States when eighteen years of age, settling in Rochester, New York, and his wife took up her abode in the same region when she crossed the Atlantic. They were married in the Empire state and removed to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where the birth of Mrs. De Groot occurred in 1855. Her parents remained at Kalamazoo throughout the residue of their days, the father passing away in 1898 and the mother January 24, 1908. By her first marriage Mrs. De Groot had three children: Arthur John, who was born April 7, 1879, and is now in Otsego, Michigan; Allie, who was born February 19, 1881, and is assistant postmaster at Waupun; and Henry, who was born March 11, 1883, and is an electrician of Horicon, Wisconsin.

In politics Mr. De Groot is a democrat and has filled a number of local offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. For fourteen years he has served as postmaster of Alto and for several years was supervisor and treasurer, while for three years he acted as clerk of the school board. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen camp at Brandon and he and his family are members of the Reformed church of Alto. A residence of sixty years in Fond du Lac county has made Henry De Groot widely acquainted with its history and well known to its citizens. He has been an interested witness of the changes that have occurred as the work of development and progress has been carried forward and at all times he has borne his part in the work of general improvement as a public-spirited citizen.

ALBERT W. PROCHNOW.

Albert W. Prochnow is one of the successful business men of Fond du Lac, where he is engaged in the cement contracting business. He was born March 13, 1881, and is a son of August and Augusta (Remus) Prochnow, both of whom were natives of Germany and in that country in 1864 celebrated their marriage. The father was born in 1837 and with his wife emigrated to America in 1872, settling first in Pennsylvania, where he lived for one year and then removed to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he established his home and continued to reside until 1886. He then removed to Stevens Point, at which place he died in 1891. The mother's birth occurred in 1839, and she was a daughter of Fred Remus. To Mr. and Mrs. August Prochnow two children were born: Herman, who died at the age of one year and three months; and Albert W., of this review.

The last named was reared in his parents' home and was a pupil in the public schools at Stevens Point until he was fifteen years of age. He completed his elementary education at the age of seventeen in the schools of Fond du Lac. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, after which time he was first employed for a period of three years in a flour mill and then took up work in the cement contracting business for various people and continued to be so engaged for a period of six or seven years, during which time he was employed as foreman. In 1912, in company with C. Woerden, of Green Bay, he engaged in the concrete contracting business, taking contracts for all kinds of construction work in which concrete was used as part or in whole for building material.

Mr. Prochnow was united in marriage to Miss Ida Bloedorn, of Fond du Lac, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bloedorn. Mr. and Mrs. Prochnow are the parents of one child, Anna. Mr. Prochnow is a member of the republican party and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church of Fond du Lac. The family residence is at No. 262 East Arndt street. Mr. Prochnow is one of the well known and reliable business men of Fond du Lac and his firm enjoys a high reputation.

HON. LYMAN W. THAYER.

The name of Lyman W. Thayer is a familiar one in connection with the political history of Wisconsin and is moreover well known in agricultural circles. His farming has been carried on along modern and scientific lines in the development of four hundred acres of land in Fond du Lac county; but while business interests have made large demand upon his time and energies, he has yet found opportunity for the discharge of those duties of citizenship which devolve upon every individual and for further active service in office whereby the welfare of the state at large has been promoted. Wisconsin numbers him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Wausau, October 30, 1854. His parents were Lyman W. and Catherine (Davis) Thayer, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Wales. The ancestry of the family is traced back to Thomas Thayer, who was born in England and on emigrating to America, about 1630, settled in Braintree, Massachusetts, in company with his wife, Margery, and their three sons: Thomas, Ferdinando and Shadrach. The second son, Ferdinando Thayer, was married January 14, 1652, to Hulda Hayward, of Braintree, where they resided until after his father's death, when he removed, with a colony from Braintree and Weymouth, to Mendon, Massachusetts, where many of his descendants now live. He was one of the largest landed proprietors in his township and his homestead was a little south of the present center of the town of Mendon. He was a man of wealth in his day and gave farms to each of his sons, several of whom became extensive land dealers. Many of their descendants still occupy those farms, which have been in possession of the family for over two hundred years. Ferdinando Thayer died at Mendon, September 1, 1690.

Captain Thomas Thayer, the sixth child of Ferdinando and Hulda Thayer, was born in 1664 and married Ruth Darling, of Dedham, Massachusetts, on the 5th of January, 1715. They settled in Mendon, where Thomas Thayer followed farming. His wife died in 1728 and on the 16th of July, 1729, he married Hannah Holbrook.

Stephen Thayer, the eighth child of Captain Thomas and Hannah (Holbrook) Thayer, was born December 31, 1732, was married October 5, 1762, to Rachel Davis and settled in Mendon, Massachusetts. Their third child, Stephen Thayer, Jr., was born March 14, 1767, and was married March 12, 1789, to Anna Thayer. They settled at Stratham, Franklin county, Vermont, where Stephen Thayer followed farming but subsequently removed to Sunderland, Vermont, and later to Fairfield, that state, while still later he became a resident of Rome, New York. This was in 1810, and in 1819 he was awarded a large contract on the canal.

His first child, Lyman E. Thayer, was born at Stratham, Vermont, June 7, 1790, and married Fanny Butler, daughter of Deacon Isaac Butler, of Fairfield, Vermont, on the 8th of December, 1810. He settled at Middlesex, Ontario county, New York, where he followed farming until 1823, when he removed to Pendleton, Niagara county, New York. In 1845 he became a resident of Portage, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, and in 1850 went to Dayton, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, where he remained until his death, February 12, 1864.

His ninth child was Lyman Wellington Thayer, who was born at Pendleton New York, April 21, 1830. He married Catherine Davis in 1850 and settled at Princeton, Wisconsin. Following his graduation from the Michigan Law School at Ann Arbor he continued in the practice of his profession until his death.

Lyman W. Thayer, whose name introduces this review, was the third in a family of five children, four of whom are now living. The public schools of his native town afforded him his early educational opportunities and later he pursued a course in the Jones Commercial College at St. Louis. In 1880 he entered the lumber business in Wisconsin in partnership with Benjamin Single, one of the men most prominently identified with that line of activity in the state. In his early youth Mr. Thayer had been associated with Mr. Single and later was able to buy an interest in the business. His partner was not only one of the prominent representatives of the lumber trade but was also actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, cultivating four hundred acres of land, upon which he made extensive improvements. This farm was inherited by Mr. Thayer upon the death of Mr. Single, whose daughter he had married, and for many years thereafter he was active in the cultivation of his fields but disposed of his holdings in 1909.

It was on the 19th of June, 1878, that Mr. Thayer was united in marriage to Miss Rosetta Single, a daughter of Benjamin and Jane S. (Boswell) Single. The father came to the United States in 1836, settling in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained until 1843. In that year he removed to Wausau, where he engaged in the lumber business and later was largely connected with various lines of business activity in that city, including several of its banking enterprises. In 1883 he came to Ripon and soon afterward purchased a large stock farm, upon which he resided until the time of his death on the 22d of January, 1906. His place comprised four hundred acres of as rich and fertile land as could be found in the state and he employed scientific methods in the development of his property. He erected commodious and modern buildings furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock, and he made the breeding of high-grade stock a special feature of the place, keeping a large herd of Hereford cattle and also breeding Englishshire horses. His various business interests were carefully directed and led to the attainment of a gratifying measure of success. He passed away in 1906.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thayer were born five children: Lulu, who was born April 1, 1879, and died January 29, 1910; Benjamin S., a graduate of the Wisconsin State University and now assistant civil engineer in the government reclamation service with headquarters in California, where he resides with his wife and one child; Lyman W., Jr., a resident of Keokuk, Iowa, where he is connected with a prominent construction company; Donald E., who lives at home; and Eugenia, who died April 16, 1894, at the age of three years.

Mr. Thayer's political career began in 1892, when he was elected a representative to the state assembly. He served with much ability for one term and in 1894 was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Smead in the state senate. The creditable record which he made in that connection led to his reelection for a full term of four years and he was chosen president of the senate, retiring in 1900 on the completion of his sixth consecutive year as a member of the upper house. He was chairman of the joint caucus of the two houses that nominated Mr. Quarrels for the United States senate and he also served as chairman of the appointment committee. He did not hesitate to render active service in local office and for eight years was a member of the county board of Fond du Lac county, acting as its chairman for one term. His opinions have long carried weight in the councils of his party and he has been allied with many movements which have constituted important features in republican successes. He has ever stood for progress and improvement along political lines and has indorsed many of the wholesome and purifying reforms which have been gradually growing up within the party and constitute one of the most hopeful political

signs of the age. As a Mason Mr. Thayer is well known, holding membership in Ripon Lodge, No. 95, F. & A. M., and Berlin Commandery, No. 10, K. T. He and his family are devout members of the Episcopal church, in the work of which he is actively and helpfully interested. In every relation of life he has held to high ideals and he has never deviated from a course which his judgment has sanctioned as right between himself and his fellowmen. Nature endowed him with talents and ability of high order and these have been worthily used for the benefit of his fellowmen as well as in his own interest.

BERNARD SHERIDAN.

Bernard Sheridan has been successfully engaged in the livery business at Fond du Lac for the past two and a half years but was formerly identified with general agricultural pursuits and still owns a farm in Byron township. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Fond du Lac county, three generations of Sheridans having been born in Byron township, where his birth occurred in 1854. His parents, Bernard and Elizabeth (Morgan) Sheridan, are both deceased, having died some years ago. The mother was a native of the state of New York.

Bernard Sheridan was reared on the home farm and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and which claimed his attention until he came to Fond du Lac about two and a half years ago. The farm in Byron township is still in his possession, however. During the period of his residence in the city of Fond du Lac he has been engaged in the livery business and in this connection has won a gratifying and well merited measure of success.

In 1874 Mr. Sheridan was united in marriage to Miss Anna McIntyre, whose parents are still living in this county. Our subject and his wife have four children, as follows: Bernard F., thirty-six years of age, who wedded Miss Catherine Netzing, a daughter of Peter Netzing; William H., who is thirty-four years old; Edward L., a young man of thirty; and Johanna May, who is twenty-four years of age.

In politics Mr. Sheridan is a stanch democrat. He served as chairman at Byron for two years and in 1900 was elected county sheriff, discharging the duties of that office in a highly commendable and fearless manner. He belongs to St. Joseph's Catholic church at Byron and at one time served on its board of directors. That his life has at all times commanded the high respect which is uniformly tendered him is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

PAUL J. DANA.

Paul J. Dana, a popular and well known citizen of Fond du Lac, has been engaged in business as the proprietor of a retail cigar store since 1908. His birth occurred in this city on the 1st of May, 1876. His father, George P. Dana, who was born about 1850, is engaged in business as a hardware merchant. He was an old-time gunsmith and made guns by hand during the period of Indian warfare. Unto him and his wife were born eight children. Alex is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business at Fond du Lac. Paul J., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Leona is the wife of a Fond du Lac lawyer and has two children, Genevieve and Charles. George, who wedded Miss Agnes Boyle, makes his home in Fond du Lac. Leo, who married Miss Tillie Weber,

of Fond du Lac, is a traveling insurance adjuster for the insurance company represented by his brother Alex. Walter had just completed a course in medicine and opened offices in Fond du Lac when his demise occurred in 1911. His death was a great blow to the family, all the other members of which still survive. Arthur is a practicing physician of Fond du Lac. Victor likewise makes his home in this city.

Paul J. Dana attended the graded and high schools in the acquirement of an education and also pursued a course of study in a business college. When a youth of sixteen he entered his father's hardware store, remaining in his service for a period of sixteen years. In 1906 George P. Dana became sheriff of Fond du Lac county and our subject discharged the duties of under sheriff for two years. In 1908 Paul J. Dana embarked in business as the proprietor of a retail cigar store and has since conducted the same with gratifying success. He also conducts a first-class pool and billiard room in connection with his store and owes his success to his personal popularity and the high class of trade to which he caters.

Mr. Dana was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Normile, a daughter of Michael Normile, who is a lineman of Fond du Lac. Mr. Dana is an independent democrat in politics and served as an alderman for two years, from 1898 to 1900. He belongs to the Business Men's Association and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Columbian Knights of Wisconsin. St. Mary's church numbers him among its communicants. In the city where his entire life has been spent the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

ALBERT RAU.

Albert Rau has been successfully engaged in business as a wholesale and retail flour and feed merchant of Fond du Lac since 1908, his establishment being located at No. 214 South Main street. His birth occurred in Nevada, Missouri, on the 2d of August, 1869, his parents being Michael and Alwin (Schneider) Rau, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Wisconsin. Michael Rau remained a resident of the fatherland until twenty-one years of age and then crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating at St. Louis, Missouri, where he was married. Subsequently he made his way to Chilton, Wisconsin, in an emigrant wagon and there worked as a laborer for several years. Later he took charge of an elevator at Chilton, conducting the same until the time of his retirement. He is a Methodist in religious faith, while his wife belongs to the Lutheran church. They are still residents of Chilton, Wisconsin. Michael Rau served as a private throughout the entire period of the Civil war and made an excellent record as a brave and loyal defender of the Union during that long and sanguinary struggle. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, as follows: Albert, of this review; William, who is a resident of Chilton, Wisconsin; Selma, who is the widow of Jacob Haessley and resides in Chilton; Herman, who is now serving as sheriff of Calumet county, Wisconsin, and makes his home at Chilton; Clara, the deceased wife of William Link; George, living in Antigo, Wisconsin; Ernest, who is a barber of Chilton; and Meta, the wife of John Huntz, of Wausau, Wisconsin.

Albert Rau, who was a little lad of six years when his parents established their home in Chilton, was there reared to manhood and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. After leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade and followed that occupation for six years, while later he worked at the butcher's trade for a similar period. Subsequently he spent three years as an employe of the W. W. Cargill Company in an elevator at

Chilton and was then transferred to Black Creek to conduct a station for that firm. After acting in that capacity for four years he spent two years at El Dorado in the service of the Lytle-Stoppenback Company of Milwaukee. In the fall of 1905 he came to Fond du Lac and for three years had charge of the elevator of the W. W. Cargill Company on West Second street. Severing his connection with that concern, he embarked in business on his own account as a flour and feed merchant and has since conducted both a wholesale and retail business of this character with gratifying success.

On the 12th of June, 1895, Mr. Rau was united in marriage to Miss Anna Engebrecht, a native of Germany, whose parents were early settlers of Athens, Marathon county, Wisconsin. They lived to an advanced age and reared a family of four children, namely: Gustav, Louisa, Augusta and Anna. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rau has been born one daughter, Irene.

In politics Mr. Rau is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Peter's Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. He is now serving his second term as church trustee and has acted in that capacity for six years altogether. He belongs to the Krankenverein of St. Peter's Lutheran church and is also a member of the Lutheran Aid Association, now serving for the third term as secretary of branch No. 75. His aid and cooperation can be counted upon to further every movement calculated to benefit the community and he and his estimable wife are held in high regard by their many friends.

WILLIAM F. KASCHUBE.

A well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and six acres, located in Ripon township does credit to the agricultural skill of William F. Kaschube. He is a native of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred on the 31st of December, 1870, and a son of Charles F. and Johanna (Weishoff) Kaschube. The parents were born, reared and married in Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1867, coming direct to Ripon. During the first four years of their residence here the father worked out by the month on the old Jennings farm, thus acquiring the means to engage in farming for himself. At the expiration of that period he bought eighty acres of land in the vicinity of Springvale, which he cultivated with very good success for nineteen years. Disposing of this place, in 1891 he purchased the farm now owned by our subject in Ripon township, and here continued his agricultural pursuits until his death on the 26th of February, 1908. He was survived by his wife, who passed away on January 22, 1910. They were the parents of four children, those beside our subject being as follows: Reka and Johanna, who are deceased; and an infant, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kaschube were both members of the German Lutheran church. He enjoyed the full rights of citizenship, giving his political support to the democratic party. He took an active interest in all local affairs and at one time served on the town board of Springvale, discharging the duties of his office with efficiency. His early advantages had been limited, but through reading and observation he became widely informed on all questions of the day.

William F. Kaschube was given the advantages of a common-school education, and after laying aside his text-books devoted his entire time and attention to the cultivation of the home farm. He came into the title of the property upon the death of his father, and here he is engaging in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. His homestead, which is known as "Oak Lawn Farm," is one of the most attractive and valuable places in the community. He has a comfortable residence, large commodious barns and outbuildings, which have



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES F. KASCHUBE



been substantially constructed and are kept repaired. He makes a specialty of the breeding and raising of high-grade Holstein cattle, his herd now numbering fifty head. Mr. Kaschube leads an active, enterprising life as is evidenced by the general appearance of his fields and the condition of his stock, everything about his place manifesting the competent oversight and careful regard for details that invariably accompany prosperity.

On the 21st of March, 1900, Mr. Kaschube married Miss Bertha Bobzin, of Ripon, who is descended from one of the early pioneer families, her people having located here more than forty years ago, and they have become the parents of three children: Elmer, who is ten years of age; Karl who has passed the ninth anniversary of his birth; and Viola, who is anticipating her seventh birthday.

The family affiliate with the German Lutheran church of which Mr. Kaschube has been a trustee for the past five years, and fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a democrat and for fourteen years has been a member of the school board and he has also served as road commissioner. Last year he ran for town clerk but there was a tie vote and he lost in the drawing, the office being given to his opponent. Mr. Kaschube is held in favorable regard in his community, where during the long period of his residence he has manifested those qualities which well entitle him to the respect of all with whom he has dealings.

MICHAEL SCHMITZ.

Michael Schmitz is developing and improving his excellent property of one hundred acres in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and to his farming is bringing those practical qualities of system and personal industry which are the foundation of productive agriculture. He was born in Marshfield township, this county, October 7, 1886, and is a son of Anton and Katie (Konz) Schmitz, both of whom were born in that township, the father in 1858 and the mother in 1859. Anton Schmitz has followed agriculture for a number of years and is now ranked among the substantial and representative citizens of his district. His wife passed away in 1902. To them were born seven children. Tony, an agriculturist residing at St. Joseph, Wisconsin, married Miss Lena Gerhard, by whom he has three children: Edgar, Clarence and Elmer. Rose gave her hand in marriage to Peter Feltner, of St. Joseph, who is now engaged in the liquor business at Fond du Lac and by whom she has two children, Raymond and Gilbert. Michael, of this review, is the next in order of birth. Joseph died in infancy. Albert is in the employ of his brother Michael. Ottila passed away in infancy. Gertrude makes her home with her brother Michael.

Michael Schmitz was educated in the Catholic school of Marshfield township and continued his attendance until he was thirteen years of age. He has been identified with agriculture from his early childhood with the exception of one year which he spent as a carpenter. He remained upon his father's farm and worked upon a salary until 1909. After the above mentioned period which he spent in carpentering, he purchased in 1910 one hundred acres of land in Fond du Lac township, which he has since operated with gratifying success. He carries on the work of his farm along modern and progressive lines and is already numbered among the enterprising and substantial citizens of his district. He is gradually increasing his stock and now owns twenty-one head of cattle and four high-grade horses.

On November 15, 1910, Mr. Schmitz was united in marriage, in Marshfield township, to Miss Matilda Beuchel, a daughter of Frank and Mary Beuchel.

Her father was a prominent farmer in Marshfield township and still follows that occupation.

In his political beliefs Mr. Schmitz is a consistent democrat but the engrossing duties of his farm prevent his taking any active part in public affairs. He is a Roman Catholic and holds membership in St. Mary's church at Fond du Lac. He is one of the many young farmers who, influenced by the modern spirit of progress, are carrying on their agriculture by a definite system and he is meeting with excellent success.

MATHIAS HALBACH.

Mathias Halbach is well known in Fond du Lac county for he was born here and has been identified with agricultural pursuits here since his childhood, gaining his experience as a boy upon his father's farm and making practical application of it in the operation of the excellent and systematically managed place which he owns in Marshfield township. He was born June 18, 1878, upon his father's farm in Calumet township. The family is of German origin, the grandparents of our subject having been born and reared in the fatherland. Mr. Halbach's parents were Joseph and Katherine (Longfeldt) Halbach, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Fond du Lac county. The father followed farming in Calumet township during his active life and was numbered among the representative and substantial citizens of the community. He was a member of the board of commissioners and did able work as a director of the local poor farm.

Mathias Halbach is one of thirteen children born to his parents and his early life was spent in aiding his father in the work of the home farm. He gained valuable experience in this way, learning the details of agriculture and the best methods of farm operation. At the age of twenty-six he began life for himself, purchasing land in Marshfield township, where he now resides. He is a hard and steady worker with long experience in the best and most practical farming methods. He has by industry and well directed activity made his land productive to its fullest extent and has gained for himself a distinct place in agricultural circles. He is living in an attractive modern home upon his property and is one of the most highly esteemed residents of Marshfield township.

In 1904 Mr. Halbach was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Blondeau, by whom he has two children: Marvin, who was born December 17, 1907; and Joseph, whose birth occurred on February 11, 1910. Mr. Halbach is a Roman Catholic and is a regular attendant at St. John's church. He has never sought public office, preferring to devote his entire time to agricultural pursuits, in which he has gained success by hard work and by thoroughly practical business qualifications, and his fine farm stands today as an evidence of the value of his activities.

GARRETT E. GROESBECK.

Garrett E. Groesbeck is one of the well known citizens of Fond du Lac county where he is successfully engaged in the conduct of the Four Mile House located four miles west of Fond du Lac on the Fond du Lac and Brandon road. He was born in the city of Fond du Lac, August 10, 1871, and is a son of Elias and Dora B. (Brown) Groesbeck. The father was born near Sharon, Wisconsin, May 21, 1844, and has followed farming. He now owns a comfortable

home on Scott street, Fond du Lac. His wife was born August 27, 1849. They became the parents of five children: Garrett E., the subject of this sketch; Musette G., who is residing at home with her parents; Elmer C., who married Melvina Cortilla, of Fond du Lac, by whom he had three children, James C., Dora B., and Melvina; John H., who married Viola Bird, a daughter of William Bird of Fond du Lac and has three children, Mildred, Gladys and John H., Jr.; and Stephen W., who married Hertha Bleasam, and is the father of one child, Nathan.

Garrett E. Groesbeck was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools at Crystal Lake, Wisconsin. At the age of thirteen he began to work on his father's farm, where he continued until he attained his majority. At the age of twenty-one he rented a farm and was engaged in its cultivation for two years, after which he removed to Fond du Lac with his parents, who at that time sold their farm and took up their abode in that city. In Fond du Lac Garrett Groesbeck found his first employment as bartender for the B. W. Elmer Company and continued in that work for five years. He then removed to Richmond, Virginia, where he engaged in farm work for two years, after which he returned to Fond du Lac. In 1911 he opened the Four Mile House located four miles west of Fond du Lac on the Fond du Lac and Brandon road, and has since devoted his entire time and attention to the conduct of that wayside inn and has been very successful in his business. In addition to his interests at the road house he and his wife are joint owners of forty acres of farm land in Calumet county.

Mr. Groesbeck was united in marriage to Miss Edith C. Auringer, of Stockbridge, Wisconsin. She was born September 28, 1886, and is a daughter of George H. and Minnie (Shaw) Auringer. Her father is one of the well known real-estate dealers of Minnesota. Mr. Groesbeck enlisted in Company E, Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served with his regiment during the Spanish-American war. He is affiliated with the republican party and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church. He is one of the well known citizens of Fond du Lac and enjoys the confidence and good-will of all his friends and associates.

JOHN P. L. BIRSCHBACH.

John P. L. Birschbach, who owns a hundred and twenty-five acres of land in the vicinity of Taycheedah, which he devotes to diversified farming, is a native of Fond du Lac county, his birth having occurred in the year 1875. The family is well known in this section, his father, Anton Birschbach, having been one of the pioneer settlers of Taycheedah.

There was no event in the early life of John Birschbach to distinguish his boyhood and youth from those of the average lad who is born and reared in the rural sections. He was educated in the common schools and at the same time qualified himself for the vocation he is now following by assisting his father with the tilling of the fields and care of the crops. When prepared to begin his independent career, he and his brother located on the place he now owns and engaged in cooperative farming. He subsequently purchased his brother's interest in the property and here he has since continued his agricultural pursuits alone. During the period of his ownership he has diligently applied himself to the development of the place, and has succeeded in bringing the land into a much higher state of productivity. He has cleared many of the bowlders from his fields and has enlarged his barn and built a granary, each year marking an improvement in his farm, which under his capable and systematic management will ultimately be converted into one of the attractive and valuable properties of the community.

His fields are planted to such crops as are best adapted to the soil; his specialty, however, is barley, and in connection with farming he raises stock. He is a hard-working man, as is substantially evidenced by the general appearance of his place, and highly merits such success as he is meeting with.

In 1904 Mr. Birschbach was married to Miss Mary Schneider, a daughter of Matthew Schneider, one of the well known residents of this vicinity, and to them have been born eight children: Edwin, who is seven years of age; Matthew, who has passed the sixth anniversary of his birth; Robert, who is five years of age; Martin, who has passed his fourth birthday; Marvelle, who is three years old; Alexander and Alfred, who have passed the second anniversary of their birth; and Philimena, who is a babe of ten months.

The parents are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and belong to Mount Calvary parish. Politically, Mr. Birschbach supports the democratic ticket. He is prospering in his undertakings, as he works tirelessly early and late, constantly striving to attain the goal he has set for himself.

WILLIAM A. BECKER.

William A. Becker is one of the proprietors of what is known as the most successful saloon in Fond du Lac, his partner in the business being Andrew B. Ambelang. His birth occurred in Sauk City, Wisconsin, on the 24th of March, 1879, his parents being Adrain A. and Elizabeth (Zinc) Becker. The father was born in New Holstein, Wisconsin, in 1845, while the mother's birth occurred in Sauk county, this state, in 1857. Adrain A. Becker, a shoemaker by trade, has for the past twenty-five years served as bridge tender for Sauk City. Unto him and his wife were born six children, five of whom still survive, as follows: Anna, who is the wife of Herman Doerr, a tailor of Baraboo, Wisconsin, and the mother of one child, Julius; William A., of this review; Josephine, who is employed as a clerk in Sauk City; Ena; and Clara, who gave her hand in marriage to Stanley Benger, a tinsmith of Sauk City.

William A. Becker attended the public schools of his native city until eighteen years of age and subsequently spent two seasons in a canning factory. During the following five years he was employed as a bartender and in 1904, in association with Andrew B. Ambelang, opened a saloon at Fond du Lac, which he has conducted with gratifying success to the present time.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Becker chose Miss Mate Malady, a daughter of Owen and Mary Malady, of Fond du Lac. They now have two children, William A., Jr., and Kathryn E.

In politics Mr. Becker is a stalwart democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Eagles and the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Business Men's Association and is a communicant of St. Mary's church. His residence, which he owns, is at No. 28 East Johnson street, Fond du Lac.

CONRAD BRENNER.

Conrad Brenner is part owner of one hundred and twenty-six acres of land in Marshfield township, which for the past four years he has operated in conjunction with his brother John. Together they have in a short time made the land productive to its highest point and improved their property and equipment, making their farm modern and valuable in all its aspects. It comprises a tract of land which their father formerly owned and in carrying on their agriculture they are adhering to the standards of progress and development which they

learned in their youth. Conrad Brenner was born in Germany in 1867 and is the son of Vincent and Christina (Schmitz) Brenner, natives of the fatherland. The family came to America about 1869 and settled in Fond du Lac county at an early date. The father took up land and followed agriculture for many years. His wife passed away in 1908.

Conrad Brenner was educated in the public schools of Fond du Lac county and has been associated with agricultural pursuits all during his active life. Even as a child he aided his father in the minor duties of agriculture and as he advanced in age became acquainted with the more responsible duties. He is now living with his brother upon one hundred and twenty-six acres of land in Marshfield township and is ranked among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the district. They have erected most of the buildings upon the property, have built the fences, put in drainage and have added labor-saving machinery. They are rewarded for their industry and intelligent activity by rich harvests every year and their farm is one of the most attractive and remunerative enterprises in the township. Both Conrad and John Brenner give their allegiance to the democratic party but neither seeks public office. John Brenner was united in marriage to Miss Rosie Steffen, by whom he has four children, Anna, Leo, Regina and Walter. Anna is attending the Catholic school at Mount Calvary. The family hold membership in the German Catholic church of Mount Calvary. Conrad Brenner deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in an agricultural way by reason of his intelligent activity. Fond du Lac county has profited by his honorable and upright life and may well be proud of so worthy a representative of its citizenship.

ROBERT CANDLISH.

Robert Candlish has for eight years been successfully identified with the business interests of Fond du Lac as the owner of a furniture store and undertaking establishment located on South Main street. He is a native of Canada, his birth having occurred in the province of Quebec on the 15th of March, 1846, and a son of David and Mahaly (Sherwin) Candlish. The mother was also a native of the province of Quebec, but the father was born in Scotland on the 18th of December, 1809. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Candlish, of whom our subject is the youngest. Mrs. Isabella L. Buchanan, the eldest member of the family and an only daughter, has three children, Alexander, Albert and George, and lives in Montreal. William H. married Mary Graham of Montreal, in which city they reside, and has three children, Norman, Mahaly and Maud.

The education of Robert Candlish was obtained in the common schools of St. Lawrence, Canada, which he attended until he was fifteen years of age. He then laid aside his text-books and began his training for a business career as a clerk in a furniture store. Having resolved to follow this particular line of commercial activity, he intelligently applied himself to acquiring a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of every detail of the business. The firm he was associated with also maintained an undertaking department, in which he spent the usual period of service, thus qualifying himself for the duties connected with this branch of the business. In 1883, Mr. Candlish entered the employ of the Winnebago Furniture Company, but two years later he severed his connection with this enterprise and went to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, as superintendent of the Oshkosh Furniture Company. He resigned his position with this firm seven years later, owing to the state of his health, and subsequently engaged in business on his own account at Rosendale, this county. He conducted the business there with very good success until 1904, when he disposed of his establishment and came to

Fond du Lac. Here he became associated with his son Frank in establishing a store on South Main street, where he has succeeded in building up a very good trade. He carries a complete line of furniture, carpets, rugs and pictures, and in connection maintains an undertaking department that is provided with everything usually found in an establishment of this kind.

Mr. Candlish chose for his wife Miss Julia Bellmer, of this city, and to them have been born five children: William N., who is married and has three children; Mrs. Ubena J. Sherrett, the mother of one child, living at Sullivan, this state; Carrie, who is a trained nurse at Woodstock, Illinois; Frank D., an electrician, who is installing telephone and telegraph equipment in Fond du Lac; and Robert H., who is attending college.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church in which the parents hold membership and fraternally Mr. Candlish is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while he is a republican in politics. He has always led an active, diligent life and expends a great deal of energy in anything he undertakes. In the upbuilding and development of his present business he has been very successful, as he has rigidly adhered to a policy that commends him to the confidence of all with whom he has transactions, and has enabled him to establish a reputation for reliability that has proven to be a strong factor in promoting his prosperity.

GIBBON FITZGIBBON.

Gibbon Fitzgibbon, who has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire career, operates the farm in Eden township on which his birth occurred, his natal day being October 10, 1860. His father, John Fitzgibbon, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1828, emigrated to the United States as a young man, settling first in New York, where he worked on the railroads. It was in the Empire state that he wedded Miss Mary Ary, a native of Ireland. She came to this country in company with her grandmother, Catherine Ary, who continued a member of the Fitzgibbon household throughout the remainder of her life, passing away on the farm in Eden township, this county, in 1901, at the venerable age of ninety years. During the period of their residence in New York, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgibbon became the parents of three children, namely: Thomas, who is a prominent physician of Milwaukee; John; and Garrett, a well known medical practitioner of Chicago. In 1859 the family home was established in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, John Fitzgibbon purchasing a tract of land in Eden township that was covered with timber. After clearing the property he erected thereon a log shanty and began the cultivation of the fields. As the years passed financial success rewarded his labors and he was eventually enabled to erect a splendid modern residence and substantial barns. When he passed away in 1901, after a residence of more than four decades in this county, the community mourned the loss of one of its substantial agriculturists and respected citizens. His wife was called to her final rest in 1905, when sixty-five years of age. Six more children were born unto them in this county, namely: Margaret; Gibbon, of this review; George Patrick; James; William; and Minnie.

Gibbon Fitzgibbon obtained his education in the district schools of the neighborhood and in early life also became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he assisted in the work of his father's farm. He has spent his entire life on the homestead place in Eden township and since his mother's death has operated the same on his own account. This is a neat and well improved farm, carefully cultivated and displaying in its attractive appearance the energy and diligence of the owner. In religious faith Mr.

Fitzgibbon is a Catholic, belonging to St. Mary's church at Eden. Having resided in this country throughout his entire life, he is well and favorably known here and his straightforward and honorable dealings have won for him the warm regard and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

OSWALD SONNENBERGER.

The farming interests of Eldorado township find a worthy representative in Oswald Sonnenberger, who was born in Oshkosh, in 1866, and who for several years has been engaged in cultivating a good tract of land upon which he now resides. His parents were Frederick and Friedericke (Schroeder) Sonnenberger, both of whom were natives of Germany. After coming to America they spent most of their days in Wisconsin and the father was living in Fond du Lac county at the time of his death, which occurred in 1896.

During boyhood Oswald Sonnenberger entered the public schools of his native city and after putting aside his text-books took up the more difficult lessons to be learned in the school of experience. He was first employed in a sash, door and blind factory for about five years, but at the end of that time took up general agricultural pursuits, to which he has since given his attention. He followed farming at Blackwell for about five years and then sold his property there, after which he purchased land on section 1, Eldorado township, where he now lives. He cultivates this carefully and systematically with the result that his crops are large and his income substantial.

Oswald Sonnenberger was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Bergman and they are the parents of six children, as follows: Harvey, aged sixteen years; Carl, thirteen years; Edward, twelve; George, ten; Esther, eight; and Laura, four. Politically Mr. Sonnenberger is a democrat but while he believes the principles of that party contain the best elements of good government he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He attends the Lutheran church and his influence is always given on the side of right and progress, and justice and truth.

JOHN D. COON.

There is now living on a small twenty-five acre farm in Fond du Lac township a genial and kindly old man seventy-one years of age, whose history has been intimately connected with the agricultural upbuilding of this section and who has many delightful reminiscences of the early pioneer times. He was born in Chenango county, New York, on the 11th of February, 1841, and is a son of Abraham and Esther (McCall) Coon, both natives of New York. The father was a shoemaker by trade and left his native state and settled in Fond du Lac county in 1858. He followed his occupation in that section until 1879, when he purchased a farm in Lamartine township. In 1881 he removed to Fond du Lac township, where he made his home until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Coon were the parents of ten children: Frank, who died in 1894; William, whose death occurred in 1852; Nancy, who passed away in 1890; Sarah, the wife of Hiram Pendell; Dr. D. N. Coon, who makes his home in Fort Madison, Iowa; John D., the subject of this review; Adaline, who married Captain J. H. Taylor, of Fond du Lac; Helen, who died in 1857; Horace, whose death occurred when he was nineteen years of age; and Martha, now the wife of W. W. Mead.

John D. Coon was educated in the common schools of his native state but laid aside his books when he was seventeen years of age. He worked in the saw

and shingle mills of Wisconsin for two years and then learned the carpenter's trade. On November 16, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Fourteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served with much ability during the Civil war. He was under General Grant at Shiloh, Tennessee, Corinth, Mississippi and at the siege of Vicksburg and was present at the engagement at Natchez, Mississippi. When his first term expired he reenlisted and after a short period at home joined Sherman's forces on the famous march to the sea and served under that general at the capture of Atlanta. He took an active part in the battle of Nashville and afterward joined the Army of the Gulf. He served until the close of the Civil war and was honorably discharged with the rank of orderly sergeant at Mobile, Alabama, October 9, 1865. He returned in that year to Fond du Lac county and engaged in the sawmill business until 1884. He then bought a farm in Lamartine township, where he lived until 1900. In that year he removed to Clark county, where he purchased land and lived for two years, after which he made his home in Fond du Lac for about a year. At the close of that period he came to the farm where he now lives and which he has cultivated along scientific lines, making many improvements during the course of his career.

On the 28th of November, 1867, Mr. Coon was united in marriage, in Fond du Lac, to Miss Helen J. Gregg, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Denniston) Gregg, both natives of New York. The mother died in that state and the father came immediately to Michigan, where he lived until 1872. In that year he settled in Wisconsin and lived in Fond du Lac until his death in 1875. John Coon and his wife have been the parents of seven children: Lena R.; Charles; Arthur J.; Nellie; John R., Jr.; May E., who died December 18, 1905; and Edith, who died March 8, 1898.

In his political affiliations Mr. Coon is consistently a republican and is a firm believer in the principles of that party. His loyalty has been rewarded by several public offices and he served as chairman of the township of Lamartine for three years. He held the office of assessor for a like period of time and was a member of the city school board for three years. He was elected city assessor and did able and conscientious work in this capacity during the five years of his service. His public life has always been distinguished by high ideals of personal service and he regards a political office as a trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He is a member of the E. A. Brown Post, No. 130, G. A. R. He is now in the seventy-second year of his age and is taking a well earned rest. He is one of the most popular citizens of Fond du Lac township and is living out the evening of his life among his many loyal friends.

NICHOLAS GIEBEL, JR.

Fond du Lac county numbers among its citizens many sturdy sons of the soil who were born and reared upon the acres which they are now cultivating and who are carrying on their farming along expanding lines of development inaugurated by their fathers and grandfathers. Nicholas Giebel is an agriculturist of this sort and is now active in the cultivation of one of the finest farms in Empire township.

He was one of seven children born on the old home farm, his natal day being September 14, 1883. He received his education in the district schools of Empire township but was obliged to lay aside his books at an early age to assist his father in the work of the farm. He became acquainted with the various details relating to the tilling of the soil and before he had reached manhood was a progressive and able farmer. At the age of twenty-one he started in active life for himself and worked during the winters in the northern pine woods. He spent the summers upon the farm and has never entirely given up agricul-



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tural pursuits at any period in his career. When he was twenty-eight years of age he definitely abandoned his calling in the timber lands and rented his father's farm. There was a beautiful home upon the property built by the father. Mr. Giebel has been active in the operation of his father's farm since he took charge and in the intervening time has made improvements on the barns and outbuildings and added materially to its up-to-date equipment. He has served as road-master of Empire township for one term and was for four years clerk of the school district. He is at present acting in this capacity and has made a record for himself for honesty, efficiency and intelligence in public office. He is one of the representative agriculturists of Fond du Lac county and in the public capacities in which he has served his township has met with the approval of the public.

JOHN B. BECHAUD.

John B. Bechaud, vice president of the Bechaud Brewing Company, in the organization of which he assisted forty-one years ago, is well known in fraternal and business circles of Fond du Lac, where he has passed the greater part of his life. He was born in Germany on the 31st of October, 1846, and is a son of John P. and Josephine (Tillman) Bechaud, who emigrated to America with their family in 1851. Upon their arrival in this county they located in Fond du Lac, where for four years the father conducted a hotel. He subsequently removed with his family to a farm located in this county which he cultivated for twelve years, and afterward withdrew from active work and lived retired until his death in 1876. The mother survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1909. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Bechaud, four of whom are living, our subject being the second in order of birth. Adolph married Elizabeth Kraemer and they have six children, Louisa, Josephine, August, Adolph, Jr., Lottie and Elizabeth. Armand, who is a druggist at Chehalis, Washington, married Bertha Zimmerman of Fond du Lac, and they have four children, Erma, Royal, Pierre and Wilbur. Frank H., who is the youngest member of the family and is secretary of the Bechaud Brewing Company, is mentioned at greater length elsewhere in this work.

The first five years in the life of John B. Bechaud were passed in his native land. Soon after the family located in Fond du Lac he entered the public schools where he pursued his studies until he was twelve years of age, and then laying aside his text-books he assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm. He followed agricultural pursuits until 1871 when he joined his brothers Adolph and Frank H., in the organization of the Bechaud Brewing Company. He has since been vice president of that concern in the development of which he has been a factor.

John B. Bechaud married Miss Mary Kraemer and to them have been born seven children: Josephine, who married Martin H. Nelson of this city, by whom she has two children, Josephine Marie and Jean Bodil; Ida, the wife of Marshall H. Boudry, a barber of this city, by whom she has three children, Marshall O., Ursul Marie and Alice Ida; Rudolph, a druggist of Fond du Lac, who married Mary Mauthe; Louis, a resident of Fond du Lac, who married Margaret Beyer, of Princeton, Wisconsin; Armand, who married Jennie Wilke and resides in this city; and Amelia and Pierre, who are living at home.

John B. Bechaud is one of those who responded to the country's call during the Civil war and went to the front as a private in the Sixth Michigan Volunteer Cavalry in 1864, serving until the close of hostilities. He was subsequently transferred to the First Michigan Cavalry and sent out west to patrol the plains for protection of settlements from Indian depredations, receiving his discharge

at Detroit, Michigan in 1866. He votes the democratic ticket, is well posted and takes an active interest in all public matters. Fraternally he is affiliated with both the chapter and commandery of the Masonic order, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Eagles and the National Union. He has always led an active, diligent life and highly merits such success as has come to him as it is the result of honest and persistent effort.

ARTHUR A. BRIGGS.

Arthur A. Briggs is one of the enterprising and successful young agriculturists of Taycheedah township, where he owns a hundred and fifty acres of land, which he is devoting to general farming, stock-raising and dairying. He was born in Nebraska in 1883, but is descended in both lines from well known pioneer families of this section, his parents, J. W. and Elmira S. (Adams) Briggs, having been born and reared in Fond du Lac county. They resided for a time in Nebraska, but now make their home in the village of Taycheedah.

There was no unusual occurrence in the boyhood and youth of Arthur A. Briggs to distinguish his early life from that of the average lad who is reared in the country. He completed his education at Oshkosh and early became familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the agriculturist by assisting his father with the work of the fields and care of the stock. He began farming for himself on his uncle's place, which he rented for four years. At the expiration of that time he purchased his present holding, and has since applied himself with unremitting energy to its further cultivation and improvement, his efforts in this direction being rewarded with varying success. His fields are devoted to diversified farming in connection with which he also raises stock, making a specialty of dairying. Intelligent methods diligently and persistently followed have brought him the usual rewards, and he is becoming recognized as one of the capable and prosperous young farmers of his community.

For his wife and helpmate Mr. Briggs chose Miss May Peebles a graduate of Fond du Lac high school and for some time a student at Lawrence college. She is a daughter of Sanford Peebles, for whose grandfather the town of Peebles was named. They were married in 1907 and are the parents of one child, who is now two years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs attend the Methodist Episcopal church, and his political allegiance he gives to the republican party. He stands high in the estimation of his neighbors and fellow townsmen, among whom he has won the reputation of being thoroughly reliable and trustworthy.

MICHAEL K. REILLY.

Michael K. Reilly, practicing law in Fond du Lac as a member of the firm of Reilly, Fellenz & Reilly, was born in Empire township, Fond du Lac county, July 15, 1869. He was one of the ten children of Michael and Margaret Reilly, both of whom were natives of County Kilkenny, Ireland. The paternal grandparents both died in the Emerald isle. They were the parents of four children: James, Thomas, Michael and Ellen. The mother was married twice and by her first husband, Mr. Phelan, had two children: William, who was one of the prominent early residents of Fond du Lac and an exceptionally brilliant man; and Michael, who died in Ireland. The family of the maternal grandparents of our subject also included several children, among whom were Margaret and Anastasia, who became the wife of Terrence Fox.

Michael Reilly, father of Michael K. Reilly, was reared to the occupation of farming and on coming to America in the early '50s settled in Fond du Lac, where he followed the stone mason's trade, which he had learned in his native country. After working at the trade for several years he took up his abode upon a tract of land in Empire township and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until advanced age forced him to put aside business cares. He died upon his farm in 1903, when eighty-one years of age, and his wife passed away in 1899 at the age of seventy-three. Both were of the Catholic faith. Of their ten children two died in early life the others being: Richard; Thomas W.; John; Michael K., of this review; William T.; James P.; Mary, the wife of J. M. Dowd; and Martha, the deceased wife of Joseph Carberry.

Michael K. Reilly was reared upon his father's farm in Empire township and began his education in the country schools of the neighborhood. He afterward attended the Oshkosh (Wis.) Normal School and subsequently was graduated from the University of Wisconsin, in 1894, on the completion of a classical course. He also was graduated from the law department in 1895 and the same year was admitted to the bar. He then spent one year in the law office of J. M. Clark of Milwaukee and for two years he practiced in Oshkosh as a member of the firm of Williams & Reilly. Since that time he has been in Fond du Lac, where he practices under the firm style of Reilly, Fellenz & Reilly. He has been accorded an extensive clientage of a distinctively representative character, and his presentation of his cause shows a comprehensive knowledge of the subjects under discussion and of the law applicable to the points in litigation. He served as district attorney of Fond du Lac county in 1899 and 1900 and was city attorney of Fond du Lac from 1905 until 1910.

Aside from the offices which he has filled in the strict path of his profession, Mr. Reilly has acted in other positions of public trust. He is at present a member of the Fond du Lac school board and in 1910 he was a candidate for the congressional nomination in the sixth district, having the strong support of his home locality. He is an earnest advocate of democratic principles, was chairman of the democratic city committee from 1904 until 1911 and was temporary chairman of the democratic state convention in 1910. In addition to all this and to his activity in his chosen profession, he is president of the American Chemical Company.

Mr. Reilly's religious faith is that of the Catholic church and he holds membership with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Modern Woodmen, the Equitable Fraternal Union and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He lives with his sister, Mrs. Dowd, at 39 East Johnson street and is a well known and representative resident of Fond du Lac, whose success is the expression of his individual ability and his utilization of the opportunities which have come to him.

LUCIUS DWIGHT HINKLEY.

Lucius Dwight Hinkley was one to whom life meant opportunity—opportunity for the acquirement of material success, for the winning of an honorable name and for a practical recognition of universal brotherhood. There are few men whose hands have reached out so continuously to help their fellowmen and yet there was not the least shadow of ostentation in his generosity, not the least desire for praise for his kindness. It was not the promptings of stern duty that caused him to aid his fellow travelers on life's journey but a sincere and deep-rooted interest in humanity. Most profound sorrow was felt at his passing but such a spirit could never be lost to the world and he must have stepped into a greater, more beautiful life when the door closed upon him and

shut him from mortal vision. For almost sixty years he was a resident of Waupun. His birth occurred in Rockville, Connecticut, November 8, 1834, and he came of English stock through a long line of Puritan ancestry. He took great interest in genealogical research and followed the family line back to Egbert, the earliest Saxon king of England, having in his possession papers showing clearly the descendants through succeeding generations to the present age. The first of the name in America was Samuel Hinkley, who came from Kent, England, in 1635 as a passenger on the ship *Hercules* and settled at Barnstable, Plymouth county, Massachusetts. The land which came into his possession remained the property of his descendants for two hundred years. Thomas Hinkley, son of Samuel Hinkley, was a lawyer by profession, ranking as one of the prominent representatives of the legal fraternity in New England. He also did much in shaping the policy of the Massachusetts colony and was colonial governor from 1681 until 1692. He joined with the forces who were obliged to protect their interests against Indian hostility and participated in the fight in the Narragansett swamps on December 18, 1675.

Lucius Hinkley, the father of Lucius Dwight Hinkley, was born in 1779, and was a son of one of the Revolutionary war heroes, Scottaway Hinkley, who not only did active duty at the front but also made the first blue cloth used by the Revolutionary army. He married Laura Waterman, whose ancestors were among the first settlers of Norwich, Connecticut. The surviving brothers and sisters of Lucius D. Hinkley are: J. W., of Green Bay; Myron, of Mount Vernon, Iowa; Mrs. Jane Wilson, of Waupun; and Mrs. Livingston, of Plainfield, Wisconsin.

Lucius Dwight Hinkley spent the first fourteen years of his life in the state of his nativity and in 1848 accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Waupun, where he ever afterward made his home. He assisted his father in the development of a farm but turned his attention in another direction following the outbreak of the Civil war. He studied with interest the attitude of the south and when convinced that the war was not a mere holiday affair he offered his services to the government, enlisting September 6, 1861. He became first sergeant of Company K, Tenth Regiment of Wisconsin Infantry, and was mustered in on the 5th of October. With his command he went to the front and on the 12th of August, 1862, he was commissioned second lieutenant, while on the 24th of March, 1863, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He participated with his regiment in all of the long marches and arduous campaigns, taking part in the battles of Perrysville, Stone River and Chickamauga, until the end of the second day of the last named engagement, when he was captured by the enemy. He was then sent to Libby prison and was confined there until May, 1864, when he was transferred to Danville, Virginia, and thence to Macon, Georgia. While being removed he escaped near Augusta, Georgia, and tramped in the darkness of fourteen nights endeavoring to reach the Union lines. Only a few miles lay between him and the accomplishment of his purpose when he was recaptured and carried to Charleston. From there he was sent to the prison at Columbia, South Carolina, and on the night of November 20, 1864, he made another attempt to escape which, however, was frustrated by the vigilance of the guard. He was fired upon and his left arm was shattered, rendering amputation at the shoulder necessary. On the 14th of December he was exchanged and soon afterward was honorably discharged.

Mr. Hinkley then returned to Waupun and from that time until his demise was closely and prominently associated with its business interests save for a brief period in 1870 and a short time spent in the office of the secretary of state at Madison. Following his return from the capital city he engaged in the insurance business in Waupun and in 1870 went to Chicago, where he was identified with the Republic Insurance Company. In 1871 he accepted a position as clerk of

the prison but in 1874 reentered business circles in Waupun as a partner in the Althouse-Wheeler Company, which controls one of the oldest and most prominent productive industries of this part of the state.

From that time forward he bent his energies toward administrative direction and executive control. He studied closely the situation relative to the business, was ever watchful of opportunities and made his advance along safe, substantial lines leading directly toward success. He came in time to be recognized as one of the most prosperous residents of Waupun yet the most envious could not grudge him his success, so honorably was it earned and so worthily used. Entering financial circles, he figured prominently for many years as president of The National Bank, being thus connected at the time of his demise. His business capacity contributed directly to the welfare and upbuilding of Waupun and in other ways, too, he manifested his deep interest in the upbuilding and progress of the city. For a number of years he was president of the library board and at all times was closely and helpfully associated with educational interests. Progress was his watchword and he sought advancement as eagerly for the city as he did in individual ways. His prominence in business and his public-spirited citizenship made him widely known throughout the state but his relations with military organizations brought him perhaps an even wider acquaintance. He was always prominent in Grand Army circles, rarely missing a meeting of either the state or national organization, and he was especially devoted to the Tenth Wisconsin Association, attending its yearly reunions and as its treasurer making generous contributions to its work. His interest in the old soldiers was deep and sincere. It is said that no needy Civil war veteran ever sought his aid in vain. He also belonged to the Loyal Legion, his membership being with the Wisconsin Commandery at Milwaukee, to which city he had gone to attend one of its meetings when death called him. It would be difficult to find any more widely known among the Grand Army comrades than was Mr. Hinkley. He wrote one of the most vivid descriptions of a night in camp that has ever been penned and it indicates, too, that while he regarded himself preeminently as a business man, there was in his nature a literary strain that had he devoted himself to writing might have gained him considerable distinction along that line. He wrote: "Twenty years ago next New Year's eve I attended a watch meeting. There was a watch meeting at the Methodist church last New Year's eve and perhaps some of you know what it was like. The people gathered in the evening in their warm and lighted church, and sometimes they prayed and sometimes they sang; and one talked and another talked, as the last hours of the year went by. And when the hands of the clock showed that the old year was dead and a new one beginning, they had a final prayer and perhaps they shook hands and congratulated each other that they had seen the opening of another year, and some probably made good resolutions, to be kept or broken as their good angels, or chance, or other influences might determine. But the watch meeting I shared in was not just like that. There were watchers enough, and perhaps some of them prayed, and some perhaps resolved on better lives for the future, if future there were for them. But there was no warmed and lighted church—only the cold canopy of the sky—no festooned greenery of Christmas decoration, though in places the green boughs of cedar hung darkly overhead—no glitter of lamp light on gilded inscription, proclaiming 'on earth peace and good-will to men. But instead the glimmer of moon and stars on bronze guns and the shining steel of bayonets. Watchers enough. Sixty thousand men were gathered there, and over yonder, across the narrow debatable ground, sixty thousand more were watching and waiting too. And all along the picket lines, across the open fields and through the cedar thickets, sentries by hundreds paced slowly up and down and peered sharply through the gloom toward those other watchers only a little distance off. No hymns to be heard here, but occasionally the sharp challenge, 'Halt, who comes there?' at some

suspicious sound, or to the inspecting officer on his rounds, or to the relief at its hourly appearance. And behind them are grouped their wakeful reserves, all watching and silent too, except as they review in low tones the events, the rumors and surmises of the day, the fate of comrades, known or imagined, and conjecture as to the near tomorrow. And then came the long lines of weary men lying blanketless on the cold ground, with no cover from the frosty air of the December night, lying wakefully in spite of weariness with hands grasping their arms, or perhaps moving restlessly about, to wear away the slow hours of the chill night—but all watchers. And behind all, the tents of the commanding general, and here are watchers, too. Perhaps, with corps commanders topographical maps are studied, new positions are planned and the strength and disposition of divisions are discussed. And all the night through sabres clank, and the clatter of hoofs is heard as returning messengers dismount at the front, bringing reports from subordinate commanders, telling what shattered remnants remains of the battalions that stubbornly bore the shock, what morale has been restored to the broken columns that yielded under the pressure, what fugitives have been brought back to the ranks, what shamed battalion which faltered yesterday will tomorrow redeem their honor and their prestige, what movements, sentinels and scouts discovering the hostile lines, what counter-movements can be made to meet or take advantage of them. These were some of the tales that filled the hours which you may be sure did not drag slowly there. Little time there to watch the progress of the swiftly flying minutes, or to make good resolutions for the coming year save perhaps the one brave, prompt resolve to make tomorrow witness telling blows for Union and country. Little time had the commander for regret over his chief of staff, whose headless body reeled from the saddle by his side some hours ago. Little time had any there for sorrow over friends and comrades who today dropped out of sight and out of existence. And there were other watchers—in hospital tents, in the few farm houses near and under surrounding trees, the thousands of groaning wounded watched the passing of the dreary night while surgeons handled their instruments with monotonous regularity and rough assistants, grown callous by familiarity with the sight of mangled limbs and the sounds of pain, hastily bound up throbbing wounds or administered stimulant and passed rapidly to the next. And among all there were some who did not watch, perhaps a few of the wearied ranks forgot cold and discomfort in the brief oblivion of sleep. And all around, lying cold under the light of moon and stars, in the level fields or hidden in the dark shades of the cedar thickets, out beyond the lines of pacing sentinels and before the grim muzzles of the now silent cannon, lying by hundreds wherever the charging lines had met, or wherever the hissing bullets had sought them out, were the silent forms of soldiers who had fought their last fight. For them toil and hardship were ended. No more of the sentinel watch for them. No more of the hopes and fears of the varying conflict or the uncertain tomorrow. And the reveille of bugle and drum will be unheeded by them whose only awakening will be at the sound of the archangel's trumpet.

‘On fame’s eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with ceaseless round
The bivouac of the dead.’

“And our watching did not end when the dipper slowly revolving round the pole star showed that it was past midnight. Nobody said ‘Goodnight’ or ‘Happy New Year’ and shook hands and started for home. Sober and silent we watched still through the first small hours of 1863 till the gray light of the morning began to show in the east. And men made little fires to boil their coffee and roast their bacon, and then, with a sudden, tremendous roar of artillery, the

watch meeting ended. Captains shouted 'fall in,' 'fall in,' and soldiers sprang to their ranks. The night was over and another day of battle was begun. And this was our watch meeting in 1863."

Mr. Hinkley was married three times. In 1870 he wedded Miss Lola Gillette, who passed away eight years later. In 1882 he married Miss Jennie Weed, who died in 1884, leaving a daughter who, however, passed away at the age of five years. In 1889, at Fox Lake, Elizabeth Weed became the wife of L. D. Hinkley and still survives him. Like her husband she comes of an ancestry honorable and distinguished. Her father, Smith Weed, was born in Saratoga county, New York, in 1811 and died in December, 1872. The Weed family, like the Hinkleys, was of English origin and its first American progenitor came to the new world in 1626. From the same ancestry was descended Thurlow Weed and Smith M. Weed, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Hinkley. The family was represented in the Revolutionary war by Levi John Weed, Jr., and by Nathaniel Weed, the grandfather of Mrs. Hinkley. Her father, Smith Weed, was married in 1842 to Mary Garfield, of Hague, New York, a daughter of Nathaniel and Polly (Cook) Garfield, the former a descendant of Edward Garfield who came from Teddington, Middlesex, England, in 1635. From the same ancestry was descended President James A. Garfield. Smith Weed became a merchant of Ticonderoga, New York, where for thirty years he successfully carried on business. In 1855 he removed westward to Fox Lake, Wisconsin, where he resided until his death. He had a family of six children, three of whom are yet living, including Mrs. Hinkley, who had accompanied her husband to Milwaukee in November, 1907, and was engaged in shopping while Mr. Hinkley went to call upon some friends. He met his death in an elevator accident and his passing brought a sense of personal bereavement to almost every citizen of Waupun and to many throughout the state for he had a very wide acquaintance. The large concourse of people which gathered at his funeral indicated how high was the regard in which he was held in this city that had been his place of residence for almost six decades. The Althouse-Wheeler Company closed its shops and its employes in large numbers attended the services. No employer was ever held in more kindly regard by those who served him than was Mr. Hinkley. Not only did he maintain justice in all of his relations with his men but often displayed toward them a most kindly consideration, often manifest in material assistance when such was needed. The Grand Army post attended the services in a body and over the casket was draped the flag which he dearly loved. In the battle of life he had fought nobly and with high purpose and he had come off conqueror in the strife. Success was his in large measure and yet it was not prosperity alone for which he sought. He thoroughly enjoyed solving complex business problems and in harmonizing seemingly diverse elements. The Waupun Leader said of him: "The tragedy of last Wednesday when L. D. Hinkley received fatal injuries in an elevator accident in Milwaukee, brought a loss to this community which is deeply felt by all ranks of our citizens. His was an ideal life in home, in business, in social relations and the memory of it forms a precious legacy to his family and an example to all who felt its wide influence. Honorable, upright, of a generous public spirit shown in innumerable ways, he was the foremost figure in the city's life, well known and universally beloved. The heart of our people goes out in deepest sympathy to the wife and relatives whose great grief came with no note of warning and which took from the city and state a man whose impress for good was felt with whatever he was associated." Death gives the perspective which places the individual in his true relation to his generation and to the community in which he lived. The life and work of Mr. Hinkley are even more greatly appreciated now than when he was still an active factor in the community for the public has learned how far-reaching and how beneficial were his efforts. He was a man who cherished not only a high ideal of duty but who lived up to it. He constantly labored

for the right and from his earliest youth devoted a large portion of his time to the service of others. He was not an idle sentimentalist but a worker. He was at the head of large business interests which he managed successfully yet it was his rule to set apart some time each day for the labors of love to which he was so devoted. His friends have missed him sorely but the memory of his upright life, of his sincerity and simplicity will not be forgotten. With ability to plan and perform, he won substantial success and made for himself a most creditable position in business circles, but this was only one phase of his nature. He had many traits remarkable and worthy of all praise, including a large capacity for friendship and throughout the state there are hundreds who feel that

“He was a man. Take him for all in all
I shall not look upon his like again.”

JAMES D. CLARK.

James D. Clark, who is identified with the agricultural development of Eldorado township, is descended from one of Fond du Lac county's pioneer families. He was born in this county in 1855 and is a son of Cornelius and Catharine (Kelley) Clark, the father a native of Ireland and the mother of the state of New York. They located in Fond du Lac county in early life and thereafter made it their home. The father enjoyed the full rights of citizenship, giving his support to the men and measures of the democratic party, and in 1870 he held the office of supervisor in his township.

This county has always been the home of James D. Clark, who acquired his education in the common schools of Fond du Lac. He was early trained to agricultural pursuits and has always devoted his energies to this vocation. Much of the land comprised in his present farm has been cleared and placed under cultivation by him during the period of his ownership and is now netting him returns that well repay him for his long years of hard labor.

Mr. Clark completed his arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage in 1884 to Miss Mary Costin, whose parents are residents of Fond du Lac county. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark: Catharine, who married Thomas Fox, of this county; Elizabeth; Grace; Lillian; Donald and Roy.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, in the faith of which denomination the parents were reared. In his political views Mr. Clark is a democrat and gives his stanch support to the men and measures of that party, believing that its principles are best adapted to subserve the highest interests of the people.

WILLIAM H. STRINGHAM.

William H. Stringham is farming an excellent tract of land in Lamartine township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he is successfully engaged in general agriculture. He was born in Binghamton, New York, on February 16, 1841, and is a son of Uriah H. and Rebecca (Aldrich) Stringham, natives of New York, the father's birth having occurred on September 8, 1811, and the mother's on the 26th of February, 1812. Uriah Stringham was a physician and followed that profession in Lamartine township, whither he had gone in 1851. He practiced successfully until his death, on the 23d of December, 1887. He had survived his wife who died on November 15, 1885, by two years. To their



MR. AND MRS. JAMES D. CLARK

union were born seven children, namely: Evelyn, who was born March 27, 1834, and who died June 30, 1850; Rhoda C., whose birth occurred June 16, 1837, and who passed away June 30, 1850; Charles F., born December 26, 1839, who is likewise deceased; William H., of this review; Mary, who was born October 3, 1845, and died January 6, 1896, married Robert Morris, of Fond du Lac, a carpenter and millwright now living in Chicago, by whom she had three children, Wallace, James and Grace; Sarah, born April 16, 1847, whose death occurred December 16, 1849; and Edwin, who was born December 8, 1849, and who passed away March 26, 1870.

William H. Stringham was educated in the district schools of Fond du Lac and Lamartine and pursued his studies until he was sixteen years of age. He spent some time in Fond du Lac, working at various occupations, until the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Second Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry, and served until February 29, 1864. He followed farming all during his active life and met with unusual success in this occupation. His practical methods and his personal efficiency, combined with his progressive tendencies, all united in making him a successful agriculturist, and his prosperity had a solid foundation in his integrity and ability. He retired in 1909 but is still living upon a portion of his farm.

Mr. Stringham was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Bredenfeldt, a daughter of William and Minnie (Kroll) Bredenfeldt. Her father followed agriculture and was among the early settlers in Lamartine township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stringham have been born five children, as follows: Nettie C., who married G. M. Lee, a railroad conductor of Seattle, Washington, by whom she has one son, Gilbert; Gay B., who became the wife of G. F. Limeson, a railroad engineer of Milwaukee, and who is the mother of one daughter, Grace; Hattie, the wife of John West, a clerk living in Milwaukee, who has two children, Minnie and Roy; Charles H., a clerk living in Fond du Lac, who married Clara Neis and has one son, Earl; and William H., Jr., who makes his home in Milwaukee and is engaged as a fireman on the railroad.

In his political beliefs Mr. Stringham is a consistent republican and has served with ability and efficiency as a member of the school board for four years. He affiliates with the Methodist church. His attractive farm is a gratifying evidence of his prosperity. His fellow citizens recognize in him a successful man who has contributed in no inconsiderable degree toward the agricultural development and resources of the state.

HENRY BRAUN.

Henry Braun is one of the up-to-date and successful farmers of Fond du Lac county, where he is successfully engaged in the cultivation of his highly developed place located in Eden township. He was born November 10, 1868, and is a son of Nicholas and Magdeline (Wilcomb) Braun, of whom more extended mention is made in the review of Peter Braun, his brother, published in another portion of this work.

Henry Braun was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the district schools and also in the parochial school at Campbellsport, of which he was a pupil for six years. As a young man he was engaged in work on his father's farm until 1900, at which time he purchased a farm consisting of one hundred and thirteen acres, to which he has since added by additional purchase, and to the improvement and cultivation of that property he has since given his undivided attention.

Mr. Braun was united in marriage in 1894 to Miss Emma Mary Jaeger, a daughter of Nicholas and Annie Jaeger, both of whom are natives of Germany

and who emigrated to this country at a very early day. Mrs. Braun is a native of Wisconsin, her birth having occurred in the township of Eden. To Mr. and Mrs. Braun five children have been born, Paul, Leo, Esther, Veronica and Emma. Mr. Braun is a loyal member of the democratic party but preserves independence in local political matters. He has served for four years as a member of the board of supervisors and was clerk of school district No. 7 for eighteen consecutive years. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church of Eden. Mr. Braun is one of the substantial and respected citizens of Fond du Lac county and a man of nobility of character and one of the most useful citizens of the township in which he lives.

WILLIAM A. McLEAN.

William A. McLean, who is living retired in South Byron, but was for many years actively and successfully identified with the agricultural interests of this county, was born in Hamilton, Canada, on the 22d of February, 1836. His father, William McLean, was born in Ireland of Scotch parentage. In his early manhood he located in Canada but subsequently came to Wisconsin, settling in Byron township, where he passed away in 1872. The mother, whose maiden name was Mary Allison, was a native of England. Their family numbered eighteen: A daughter who died in infancy; John, whose birth occurred on February 24, 1830; Fannie, who was born on the 8th of August, 1831; Sarah, whose natal day was February 27, 1833; Joseph, who was born on the 8th of October, 1834; William, our subject; George, whose birth occurred on the 27th of September, 1837; Elizabeth, who was born in 1838; Mary, who was born on August 23, 1840; Margaret, whose natal day was the 7th of November, 1842; Henry, whose birth occurred on March 28, 1844; Isabella, who was born in 1845; Charles, born on the 20th of January, 1847; Ezra, whose natal day was April 20, 1848; Thomas, born on the 14th of February, 1851; James, whose birth occurred on June 14, 1852; Herman, who was born on the 8th of May, 1854; and Fred, born on August 6, 1855.

The boyhood and youth of William A. McLean were largely passed in Byron township, where for many years the family home was located. His educational advantages were limited to the course provided by the district schools, which he attended until he was a lad of twelve years. Being one of the elder members of a large family in meager circumstances he then laid aside his text-books and assumed the heavier responsibilities of life. He was an industrious, painstaking youth of definite purpose and practical ideas and at the age of sixteen began cultivating land on shares. He subsequently removed to Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres of land and continued his agricultural pursuits for three years. From there he removed to Kansas, where he acquired a quarter section of land, remaining a resident of that state for twelve years. At the expiration of that period he returned to Fond du Lac county and in 1883 bought eighty acres of land in Byron township. He cultivated that place with varying success until 1905, when he withdrew from active work and removed to South Byron where he has since lived retired. His has been a hard life, as he assumed the duties of manhood when little more than a boy, but the thrift and frugality of his youth enables him to spend his latter years in well earned ease, his competence providing him and his wife with all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of the present age. Mr. McLean is one of those who offered his services to the nation during its time of need, having enlisted in Company K, First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry on the 17th of September, 1861. He remained at the front for three years and one month, receiving his discharge on the 8th of October, 1864. During the period of his enlistment he participated in many

of the notable battles of the war, but was never wounded his physical injuries being confined to three broken ribs.

Mr. McLean has been twice married, his first union having been with Miss Sarah Fern, the event being celebrated on February 22, 1859. Six children were born to them, three of whom, Harriet E. and Gary, the two eldest, and John H., the fourth in order of birth, are deceased. Louis F., the third member of the family, married Carrie Felch of Byron township and to them have been born three children: Walter C., Arson C. and Fern F. Hattie A. married Edward M. Cowles a farmer of Leroy on the 27th of December, 1894, and is now residing in South Byron. Their family number four: Arthur W., who was born in 1896; Alfred C., whose birth occurred in 1897; Alice, who was born in 1899; and Laurence V., whose natal day was in 1904. Charles H., who is a real-estate dealer at Great Falls, Montana, married Alice Ripley of Oakfield and they have one child. The wife and mother passed away about 1879, and on April 30, 1882, Mr. McLean was married to Miss Louisa Folks a native of the state of New York. She is a daughter of John and Emily Folks, who early located in this county, the father having filed on one of the first homesteads in Byron township, where he passed away. He was one of the successful pioneer agriculturists and at the time of his death owned six hundred acres of land.

Mr. and Mrs. McLean are ardent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic. He votes the republican ticket, but never aspired to public honors or sought political preferment. A man of unassuming manner his has been a quiet life, but none the less useful, as he has performed his duties from day to day to the best of his ability, in fulfillment of his obligations to his fellow citizens and society at large.

FRANK S. TOWNE.

Frank S. Towne carries on general farming on section 4, Oakfield township, where he is cultivating one hundred and seventy-two acres on shares. His entire life has been devoted to farm work, for he was reared to that pursuit and started out to earn his own living as a farm hand. He was born at Waupun, Wisconsin, May 22, 1861, and is a son of Wesley and Rosephia A. (Fairbanks) Towne, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. The father was born in 1836 and was but seven years of age when brought to Wisconsin by his parents, who secured a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in the town of Waupun. The land which was entered from the government was converted into productive fields and Wesley Towne bore his share in the work of the home farm while spending his boyhood days amid the scenes and environments of pioneer life. He made farming his life work and lived to the age of sixty-nine years, passing away in 1906. His wife was brought to Wisconsin in early girlhood, the family home being established at Waupun, where she now lives. In their family were seven children, Freeman W., Frank S., James F., Jaspar D., Eugene W., Hattie L. and an infant who died unnamed.

Frank S. Towne was educated in the district schools of Waupun, pursuing his studies to the age of eighteen years, after which he gave his father the benefit of his services for four years and at the age of twenty-two began work as a farm hand. He was thus employed for three years, when he felt that his experience justified him in taking up farming on his own account. For eight years he cultivated rented land and then returned to Waupun, where he remained for five and a half years. He next went to Rock River, where he carried on general farming for four years and in 1909 he took possession of the farm on section 4,

Oakfield township, on which he now resides. It is a tract of one hundred and seventy-two acres, which he is cultivating on shares, and his industry and energy are manifest in the excellent appearance of the place and its well tilled fields. He has here thirteen head of cattle and five head of horses and he raises such crops as are best adapted to soil and climate, so that he gathers good harvests. Aside from his farming interests he is a stockholder in the Oakfield Elevator Company.

On the 15th of May, 1890, in Waupun, Wisconsin, Mr. Towne was married to Miss Clara E. Wells, a daughter of William and Sarah (Fairbanks) Wells, of that place, who are farming people, living in Waupun. In their family were five children, Charles W., John G., Clara E., Jennie V. and one who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Towne have been born the following named: F. Leslie, Frank L., Clifford H., Lyle G., Claude J., Vivian S., Retta R., Evelyn C., Robert L., Clyde M., and one who passed away in infancy. The parents hold membership in the Baptist church and Mr. Towne belongs also to the Equitable Fraternal Union. His political support is given to the republican party, which he supports by his ballot and his influence but otherwise takes little active part in political affairs, as he feels that his entire time and energies are demanded by his farming interests, as it is his earnest desire to win success and thus provide a comfortable home for his family.

FREDERICK G. STEENBERG.

Frederick G. Steenberg is a native son of Fond du Lac county and city and is one of the leading manufacturers in central eastern Wisconsin, being the secretary and treasurer of The O. C. Steenberg Company, manufacturers of sash, doors and blinds. He maintains his residence at No. 35 North Park avenue. His birth occurred on the 29th of April, 1867, his parents being Orrin Clement and Harriet (Green) Steenberg, the former a native of New York and the latter of Connecticut. Orrin Clement Steenberg was born near Ithaca, Tompkins county, August 12, 1836, and a review of his life is given on another page of this work. Unto him and his wife were born three children. Sarah passed away at the age of twelve years. Dr. Hubert S. Steenberg, a practicing physician of Milwaukee, wedded Miss Clara L. Huntington, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, by whom he has four children: David Knox, Gerald Huntington, Harriet Alice and Clarice Louise.

Frederick G. Steenberg, the other member of the family, is at present the secretary and treasurer of The O. C. Steenberg Company. He was reared at home and educated in the public schools of his native city. In 1887, after completing his education, he was for a short time employed as local editor of the Fond du Lac Commonwealth. Later he engaged at work in the O. C. Steenberg factory. Since first becoming identified with this concern as an employe he has given his entire time and attention to the development and success of the business. Upon the death of his father, Orrin C. Steenberg, he was elected secretary and treasurer of this manufacturing institution. The company was incorporated in 1896 with a capital stock of fifty-six thousand dollars. The high grade of work done in the O. C. Steenberg sash, door and blind factory is well known not only throughout the middle west but has an enviable reputation on the continent of Europe, sending its products to the English and German ports of entry, from which they are distributed to the consumers throughout the British isles and the German empire.

On the 26th of May, 1897, Mr. Steenberg was united in marriage to Miss Jessie W. Moore, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Eliza Mary (Conklin) Moore. Her paternal grandparents were Colonel Herbert and Nancy (Clark) Moore, the former a native of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and the latter of New Hamp-

shire. Their children were thirteen in number, namely: Herbert T., George H., Charles, Henry C., Benjamin F., Alfred, Caroline, Mary Ann, Harriet, Charlotte, Augusta, Julia and Adeline. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Steenberg were Colonel Henry and Mary Ann (Hewitt) Conklin, the former born in New York on the 10th of April, 1793, and the latter in England on the 19th of November, 1797. They were married on the 26th of May, 1818, and had a family of eight children, as follows: Henry Hewitt, Edgar, Eliza Mary, Robert, James Tallmadge, William Davies, Theodore and Frances H. To Colonel Henry Conklin belongs the honor of having built the first log cabin in this county. Settling in the township of Empire in 1841, he afterward built a log house in 1843 at the "big spring" under the ledge, the location being three miles east of Fond du Lac. This was the first residence in this county having shingles upon its roof and pine lumber for its floors, board partitions and "pinted up" between the logs with pure manufactured mortar. Luxurious indeed were all the appointments of this residence of Colonel Conklin. All of the lumber, mortar, shingles and other necessary material to make this the most notable and elegant establishment of its kind at that time in the county was freighted by wagon from Green Bay and Fort Howard over the old military road. Colonel Conklin was a man of broad ideas and large business capacity. He believed that the county was peculiarly adapted to dairying interests and, having the courage of his convictions in this particular, he was the pioneer dairyman of Fond du Lac county, owning several large farms of a thousand acres each upon which he kept from fifty to one hundred cows whose product was used in the stock and dairy enterprises of this progressive man. It is worthy of notice that his advent into this section of Wisconsin from Poughkeepsie, New York, occurred in the fall of 1841. At the time of his removal from the east he brought with him in connection with the necessary household goods for family use a steamboat bell which he had taken from the dismantled wreck of his steamer, Advocate, that once proudly plied the far-famed Hudson. This bell was regarded as a great novelty and a wonder of its kind at this early period in Wisconsin's pioneer days.

Mrs. Steenberg is a native daughter of this county, her parents having been among the earliest settlers in Fond du Lac. Her father, Benjamin F. Moore, was the first prospective bridegroom to apply for and obtain a marriage license in this county. At that time he was a resident of Taycheedah village, where he was engaged in the operation of a general merchandising store. Some time after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Moore removed to the city of Fond du Lac and there spent the remaining years of their lives. Few men have so successfully devoted their time and ability to the best interests as Benjamin F. Moore. For many years he was known to be a devoted friend and successful leader in building up the enterprising affairs of business, education and religious institutions of his city and county. Both he and his wife lived to old age, Mrs. Moore passing away on the 12th of August, 1903, at the age of seventy-six years, and Mr. Moore following her in death on the 18th of February, 1904, at the age of eighty-four years. Their children were as follows: Jessie W., who became the wife of Frederick G. Steenberg; Mrs. S. D. Wyatt; Mrs. J. W. Hiner, of Chicago; J. M. Moore, of Portland, Oregon; C. H. Moore, who is a resident of Spokane, Washington, and has served as mayor of that city for two years; A. L. Moore, of Moline, Illinois; H. C. Moore, of Fond du Lac; Ed M. Moore, living in North Adams, Massachusetts; George Moore, of New York city; and one who died in early life.

Frederick G. Steenberg is affiliated with the republican party, giving his support to that great political organization. He belongs to the Elks Club and is a member of the Congregational church. He is one of the enterprising and among the most successful manufacturers in his line in this part of the country, his factory employing at present sixty skilled laborers. He is regarded as a con-

servative, reliable man of high business standing and is to be counted upon for his support in the advancement of any cause of merit affecting the educational and religious advancement of his state and county.

THOMAS E. WORTHING.

Thomas E. Worthing, a native son and respected and representative citizen of Fond du Lac county, was long and actively identified with general agricultural pursuits here and has for nine years served as general manager of the Oakfield Telephone Company, of which he is a stockholder. His birth occurred in Oakfield township, this county, on the 14th of September, 1860, his parents being Thomas B. and Mary (Lewis) Worthing, the former a native of Wales and the latter of the state of New York. Thomas B. Worthing, who was born in 1830, was brought to Waukesha county, Wisconsin, as a lad of nine years and there continued his education, which had been begun in his native land. In 1844 he came to Oakfield township, Fond du Lac county, here purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land and devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits until about 1872. Leaving the farm, he took up his abode in Fond du Lac and there conducted a grocery store until the time of his retirement in 1881. The remainder of his life was spent in Oakfield, where his demise occurred in 1882. At that time his holdings embraced about four hundred acres of valuable land. His death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had gained an extensive circle of friends during the period of his residence in this county, which covered almost four decades. His wife, whose natal year was 1836, was called to her final rest in 1902. Their children were six in number, as follows: Viana, who died in 1904 and who was the wife of Stephen A. McGauley, a carpenter of Fond du Lac, by whom she had three children; Ida, the widow of C. W. Large, who was a retired agriculturist of Oakfield at the time of his death in 1908; Carrie, who gave her hand in marriage to M. Angelo McGalloway, of Fond du Lac; Thomas E., of this review; George W., a merchant of Fond du Lac, who wedded Miss Alice Lurvey of Oakfield and is the father of four children; and Charles A., a ranch owner in Montana, who married Miss Ida Lurvey of Oakfield and has two children.

Thomas E. Worthing obtained his early education in the district schools of his native township and attended a public school in Fond du Lac until sixteen years of age. He was subsequently employed as a farm hand for a period of four years and then returned to the old homestead, which he operated for two years, his sister keeping house for him. He next cultivated rented land for four years and in 1890 purchased property, successfully engaging in farming for a period of several years or until he disposed of the place and took up his abode in the village of Oakfield. He acted as manager of the Oakfield Elevator Company for two years and has been general manager of the Oakfield Telephone Company for nine years, proving a capable official and manifesting excellent executive ability in these connections. He is likewise a stockholder in the Oakfield Light & Power Company.

On the 21st of September, 1881, at Oakfield, Thomas E. Worthing was united in marriage to Miss Ella Beirne, her father being John Beirne, a farmer of Oakfield township. Mr. and Mrs. Worthing have three children, namely: Edna N., who gave her hand in marriage to Clarence Corcoran, of Fond du Lac; Ione A.; and Hazel O.

Thomas E. Worthing is a republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He acted as school clerk of district No. 8 for twenty-one years, was assessor of Oakfield township for eight years, township supervisor for four years and

supervisor of the village of Oakfield for nine years. He was also vice chairman of the county board for a period of two years. His fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs. Having spent his entire life within the borders of Fond du Lac county, he has become widely acquainted here, while his genial disposition has made for him a circle of warm friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He possesses, moreover, those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win confidence, respect and good-will, and by the consensus of public opinion he is accorded a prominent place among the valued citizens of Oakfield.

EDWARD ROEDER.

A substantially improved stock farm of a hundred and fourteen acres in Taycheedah township pays tribute to the energies of Edward Roeder, who for many years was engaged in blacksmithing in Fond du Lac. He was born in Germany in 1860, and is a son of August Roeder, who passed away when his son was a lad of ten years.

Diligence and thrift have been the dominant factors in the success of Edward Roeder, who upon the completion of his schooling learned the blacksmith's trade. He followed this occupation in Fond du Lac for many years, thus acquiring the capital which enabled him to purchase his present farm and retire to the country, where he is devoting himself almost exclusively to the raising of stock. He bought this place six years ago, and during the intervening years has wrought many improvements on it, having expended more than two thousand dollars in this direction. Mr. Roeder is a man of practical ideas and progressive methods and it is his ambition to make his farm one of the model enterprises of its kind in this section, and to this end he is intelligently directing his energies with gratifying results. His fields have been gradually brought into a higher state of productivity, and are annually yielding more abundantly. As he is making a specialty of live stock he raises such cereals as are best adapted to his purpose, using practically his entire harvest.

In 1882, Mr. Roeder was married to Miss Bertha Winnerstall, a native of Germany, where her parents passed their entire lives, and to them have been born eight children.

The family are members of the St. Peter's Lutheran church and Mr. Roeder is a staunch republican in his political views. Both he and his family are highly respected in their community, as they are people of excellent qualities the worth of which has been clearly manifested during the period of their residence here.

CHARLES E. WONSER.

Charles E. Wonser, conducting farming interests in Fond du Lac county, was born in the town of Oakfield, April 22, 1878, his parents being George W. and Helen (Leemon) Wonser. The mother was also a native of the town of Oakfield, while the father was born in Illinois in 1846. He enlisted in the army as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fiftieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and after the war lived for a time in Milwaukee, while later he made his home in Green Bay. Following his marriage he took up his abode on a farm in Oakfield township, Fond du Lac county. There were but two children born

of that union, Charles E. and Finneta. When the daughter was but three weeks old the mother died, leaving the little one to the care of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leemon, with whom she continued until they passed away. She is now the wife of Guy Webster, of Lamartine.

George Wonser remained upon his farm in Oakfield township for a year or two after the death of his wife, and then went west, leaving his son Charles with his grandparents, with whom he remained until about sixteen years of age, when he began working on a farm in Sheboygan county. Two years later he returned to Fond du Lac county and has since resided here. He has forty acres of land which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. He keeps six cows and three horses and he has all necessary machinery for the development of his farm and the care of his crops.

On the 23d of May, 1903, at Lamartine, Mr. Wonser was married to Miss Eleanor G. Newton, a daughter of Isaac and Esther (McCain) Newton. The father was born in Surrey, England, in 1833, and in early life emigrated to the United States, where he met and married Miss McCain, who is a native of Delaware county, New York. The mother is still living but the father passed away in 1892. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served for three years as a member of Company A, First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, while at the same time he had a brother serving in a Confederate regiment. Mr. and Mrs. Newton were long residents of Lamartine township, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. They became the parents of two children, the elder of whom is a son, Charles A. He married Miss Meda Dutton, of Rogerville, and they with their eight children are now residing in Eldorado, where he follows farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Wonser have been born two sons, Newton E. and George C.

In his political views Mr. Wonser is a republican but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He has spent much of his life in Fond du Lac county and has a wide and favorable acquaintance here.

HENRY RICKERT.

Henry Rickert, who is numbered among the farmers whose progressive work along agricultural lines has done much to promote the development of Fond du Lac county, was born in Eldorado township, Wisconsin, in 1861. His father, Charles Rickert, settled in this state in 1861 and died in Wisconsin some years ago. His wife is still living and has reached the age of eighty-four years.

Henry Rickert received his education in the district schools of his native section and at an early age became acquainted with practical agricultural work. His early youth was spent amid the scenes and labors of farm life and he gained personal experience by assisting his father in the work of tilling the soil and planting and harvesting the crops. He spent some years after he attained his majority in working in the northern pine woods but later abandoned this occupation in order to buy a farm of his own on section 10 in Fond du Lac county, which he is now operating and developing. He is recognized as one of the progressive men in the section and his farm is equipped with every modern improvement in the way of machinery. He has given his personal attention to making his property valuable and productive and is also interested in keeping it attractive in appearance. He plants the most suitable grains and vegetables and has gained a considerable fortune by his intelligent activities. On June 21, 1892, Mr. Rickert was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Nitscke, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Nitscke, who were among the pioneer settlers in Eldorado township. Mr. and Mrs. Rickert are the parents of three children: Sylvia, who is seventeen years of age and a student in the Fond du Lac high

school; Lola, aged fifteen; and Verna, who is eleven years of age. The two youngest daughters are pursuing their education in the grammar schools of their native township.

In his political views Mr. Rickert is a firm republican and always votes the party ticket. He has served for several years upon the school board and has done able and efficient work in educational development. He was also a roadmaster for two years and carried on the duties of this occupation in an intelligent and constructive manner. His genuine personal worth and his modern activity in a useful line of occupation combine to make him an enterprising and representative man whose career has been an influential factor in agricultural development.

DANIEL D. SUTHERLAND.

Daniel D. Sutherland, attorney at law of Fond du Lac, has well qualified for professional duties of an honorable and responsible connection and in his profession is recognized as a strong and able lawyer, devoted to the interests of his clients. He was born in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, July 4, 1858. His grandfather, Samuel Sutherland, was a native of Vermont, and later lived in New York, settling in Otsego county, where he engaged in farming. During his later life he came to Wisconsin, making his home with his son Andrew, near the village of Waukau, where he died. He was a zealous and earnest member of the Baptist church and served as one of its deacons. He married Amy Smith, who died in middle life, while he reached old age. Their children were Warren, Andrew, Samuel, George, and two daughters who died in early life.

The second son, Andrew Sutherland, was born in the Empire state and was reared as a farm boy of Otsego county. Coming to Wisconsin in 1857, he settled near Waukau, Winnebago county, where he and his wife together taught one of the first schools of that place. He had married Harriet A. Beebe, a native of Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Beebe died there when well advanced in years. Their family included: Samuel, Calvin, Maria, Rebecca, Sarah, Emorette and Harriet, the last named becoming the wife of Andrew Sutherland. Following their removal to Wisconsin, the father of our subject developed and improved the farm, being long prominently connected with agricultural interests in this community. He died in the fall of 1910 at the ripe old age of eighty-five years, having for three years survived his wife, who passed away at the age of seventy-five. She was a woman of deeply religious nature and a consistent member of the Baptist church. Mr. Sutherland was active and prominent in public affairs, serving as a member of the county board, and for thirty years he was president of the Utica Fire Insurance Company, occupying that position until his death. Unto him and his wife were born five children: Harriet M., the wife of H. I. Washburn, of Florence county, Wisconsin; Daniel D.; Emorette B., who is an assistant principal in the public schools of Chicago; Margaret, who is principal of the A. B. M. Girls School at Kemmendine, near Rangoon, Burmah, and a missionary there; and Frank, a resident farmer of Florence county, this state.

On the old homestead farm in Winnebago county, Daniel D. Sutherland was reared and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the village school, he entered Ripon College, from which he graduated in 1883. He then entered Columbia College Law School of New York city and completed the law course there in 1884 and the same year was admitted to the bar. He then came to Fond du Lac, where he has since followed his profession. He has been accorded a good clientage that has constantly increased in volume and importance, and his clear and forceful presentation indicates the careful preparation that he has made.

On the 13th of April, 1887, occurred the marriage of Mr. Sutherland and Miss Grace E. Jones, a daughter of George W. and Jennie (Merriman) Jones. Mrs. Sutherland was born in Fond du Lac and her mother is a native of this state, while her father was born in New York. Removing to Wisconsin Mr. Jones engaged in merchandising in Fond du Lac and later took up mining engineering, which he followed to a considerable extent in the west. He died while executing a mining contract in Mexico in 1883, being then fifty years of age. His widow still survives, as do their four children: Minnie, the wife of John E. Mason; Jennie, the wife of W. C. Wise; Grace, now Mrs. Sutherland; and George H. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Sutherland was at one time sheriff of New York county, New York, and was the colonel of the celebrated Seventh Regiment there. Both he and his wife lived to a good old age and reared a large family.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland have been born four children: Ethel, Alfred, Roger and a fourth who died in infancy. All of the family are members of the Congregational church and Mr. Sutherland is one of the church trustees, which position he has filled for many years. Mrs. Sutherland is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and other societies, and the family is liberal in its support of all worthy public interests. Mr. Sutherland has been a republican in his political views with independent tendencies. He belongs to the Milwaukee Commandery of the Loyal Legion. In matters of citizenship he stands for progress, in his profession for high ideals, and in his home life and in his friendships for fidelity and kindly consideration. He is a director of the Fond du Lac Land Company, The Northern Casket Company and of several other business corporations in Fond du Lac, including the Commercial National Bank, with which he has been associated in that position since its organization, and he is and has been a trustee of Ripon College for many years.

HENRY F. BURMEISTER.

A valuable property of one hundred acres, well improved and developed, is controlled and managed by Henry F. Burmeister. It is located in Lamartine township, Fond du Lac county, and is an intelligently operated place, having all the conveniences of equipment and the accessories of a model farm. Mr. Burmeister was born in West Rosendale, Fond du Lac county, on November 18, 1877, and is a son of Henry and Jennie (Dernbrook) Burmeister, natives of Germany. His father was born in 1849 and spent his early life in his native country. He fulfilled his military term by his service in the army during the entire period of the Franco-Prussian war. His residence in Wisconsin dates from 1872, in which year he purchased one hundred and ninety acres of land at West Rosendale and since that time has been active and successful as a general farmer. His marriage occurred in Ripon, Fond du Lac county, and they have three children: Henry F., the subject of this sketch; Charles W.; and Nellie.

Henry F. Burmeister was educated in the district schools of Rosendale and pursued his studies until he was sixteen years of age. He has been identified with agricultural pursuits since his early childhood and when he was still young was an able assistant in the work of his father's farm. He continued in this capacity for many years and did not commence his independent career until 1909. In that year he purchased one hundred acres of farm land in Lamartine township, Fond du Lac county, and has since been successful in its operation. Mr. Burmeister displays excellent business ability and thorough efficiency in the details of his vocation. He derives his income principally from general farming but also does a small amount of stock-raising, having nine head of cattle and three horses.

On May 7, 1903, Mr. Burmeister was married at Ripon, Wisconsin, to Miss Hattie Zoerb, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zoerb of that city. Her father was a prosperous farmer and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. Mr. and Mrs. Burmeister have three children, William C., Edna and Elvina.

In his political beliefs Mr. Burmeister is a republican but has never sought public office. He gives his entire time to the improvement of his farm and has done his full share in raising the standards of agricultural development in this section. In his maintenance of a high grade of efficiency in his farming he is entitled to be classed among Fond du Lac county's progressive and enterprising citizens.

JAMES L. STONE.

James L. Stone has been cashier of the German-American Bank in Ripon since 1902 and in his work in this capacity is carrying out the policies of strict honesty and integrity along financial lines which are the foundations of the success of that institution. He was born in St. Albans, Vermont, on July 8, 1873, and is a son of James P. and Ruby A. (Church) Stone. The family is of English origin and was founded in the New England section of America in colonial days. Levi Huttoon, an ancestor on the paternal side, served as a lieutenant in the American army during the Revolutionary war. The family remained in New England until 1873, when James P. Stone and his wife came to Wisconsin and located in Fond du Lac. Here they remained for two years, removing to Ripon in 1875, where the father carried on a livery and insurance business. He had been identified while a resident of Fond du Lac with the wholesale grocery business but gave up this line of activity when he came to Ripon and was prominent in the insurance circles of that city for fifteen years before his death in 1902. His wife is surviving him and living with her son James L. Stone, the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. James P. Stone were the parents of two children: Harriet E., a resident of Ripon; and James L.

The public schools of Wisconsin afforded James L. Stone his early educational opportunities and he supplemented a course in the local high school by a few years in Ripon College. When he laid aside his books he entered upon a government position as stamp clerk and assistant postmaster at Ripon and in this capacity served for nine years. He became identified with the German-American Bank in 1899 and has been prominent in its affairs since that time. He first served as bookkeeper in the bank, where his systematic and accurate mind and his unwavering integrity and honesty gained him rapid promotion. He was appointed to the position of assistant cashier in 1901 and in the following year was made cashier. He has held this office since that time and every succeeding year marks an increase in his ability and in the volume of the work which he is able to perform.

Mr. Stone has taken an active interest in local affairs for some time. He has held the position of city comptroller for the past ten years and has made a record in this capacity for fair-minded and unbiased efficiency. He is interested in the cause of education and has done much to elevate the standards of the public schools of Ripon and acts as trustee of Ripon College. Fraternally he is a prominent Mason, holding membership in Ripon Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Ripon Chapter, R. A. M.; Berlin Commandery, K. T.; Wisconsin Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Tripoli Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He has served as secretary of the blue lodge and has been its treasurer for several years. He is also prominent in the affairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a well known figure in fraternal circles of this city. He is an active member of the Congregational church and his work in religious circles has been constant

and effective. Socially he is popular and holds membership in the different clubs in the city. His work as a banker has been characterized by a systematic thoroughness and he brings to his duties as cashier of an important financial institution an active, energetic and discriminating mind and the characteristics of uprightness and integrity which make him a successful banker.

HENRY PIE.

Henry Pie is the oldest cheese-maker in Fond du Lac county in point of active service, having a record of thirteen years' continuous identification with this occupation. He is a native of Germany and brings to his business life in America the energy and perseverance which are his national qualities and which have made his career rapidly successful. He was born in Frankfort, on October 18, 1875, and is a son of John and Anne (Becker) Pie, natives of Germany. His father died when our subject was still a child and his mother is still residing in her native country, having reached the age of seventy-five years.

Henry Pie attended public school in Germany until he was fourteen years of age and then crossed the Atlantic to America. He settled first in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, where he worked as a laborer for ten years. At the end of that time he learned cheese-making and established himself in business. He has met with gratifying success during the period of his identification with this line of activity and is recognized among the farmers of Lamartine, Rosendale, Eldorado and vicinity as an upright, straightforward and reliable business man. His practical methods and his efficiency, combined with his progressive tendencies, have united in making him successful, and his prosperity has a solid foundation in his industry and ability.

On December 5, 1908, Mr. Pie was united in marriage, at Eldorado, to Miss Emma Marquardt, a daughter of Ferdinand and Bertha (Totz) Marquardt. They are the parents of three children, Grover, Palma and Helen. In his political views Mr. Pie is a consistent republican and intelligently interested in local affairs, although he never seeks public office. He belongs to the Lutheran church and is well known in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen of America. Thirteen years' identification with the various details in connection with operating a modern cheese factory has gained him a gratifying reputation among his fellow citizens. His increasing trade is an evidence of his prosperity and he is recognized as a successful man, whose business and business ability are a valuable public asset.

HENRY BOOM.

Henry Boom, who has been a resident of Fond du Lac county since early boyhood or for about six decades, followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his career but is now living retired on his farm on section 13, Alto township, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Holland in the year 1842, his parents being Christian and Henrietta Boom, natives of that country. In 1847 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, taking up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. Christian Boom, who was an agriculturist by occupation, took up one hundred and forty acres of government land in Alto township and as his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he extended the boundaries of his farm by purchase until at the time of his demise it embraced four hundred and forty-five acres of rich and productive



HENRY PIE

land. In his passing the community lost one of its substantial and respected citizens and a pioneer whose efforts had been a factor in the work of early development and upbuilding here. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: William, who is deceased; Anthony, a retired agriculturist residing at Alto, this county; Johanna, who is the wife of Carl Heideman, a farmer living at Waupun, Wisconsin; Mina, who is the wife of Henry Prange, a retired agriculturist of Alto, this county; Orren, who has passed away; Henry, of this review; and Christopher, deceased.

Henry Boom, who was but a little lad when he accompanied his parents to the new world, obtained his education in the district schools of Fond du Lac county and remained at home until after the death of his father and mother. In 1882 he purchased eighty acres of farming land on section 13, Alto township, this county, and was engaged in its cultivation until 1909, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestowed upon them. Three years ago he laid aside the active work of the fields and rented the place but still resides thereon. He owns an automobile and is spending the evening of life in the enjoyment of a comfortable competence. In politics he is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Dutch Reformed church of Alto. He has won an extensive acquaintance throughout the country during the long period of his residence here, and the circle of his friends is a wide one.

GUSTAVE DE NEVEU.

People of French nativity or descent have played an important part in the upbuilding of Fond du Lac county. To this class belongs Gustave de Neveu, the son of Francis Joseph and Elizabeth F. (Mannior) de Neveu. He was born on the 30th of March, 1811, at Savigny, France, and acquired his education in the military academy of La Fleche and in the college of Vendome, from which institutions he was in due time graduated. He afterward studied law for a year and in 1836 came to the United States, making his way first to Batavia, New York, where resided his brother, Lieutenant de Neveu, who had just graduated from St. Cyr, the most noted military school of France. At Batavia Gustave de Neveu studied English and taught French for a brief period but in the spring of the same year returned to his native country. In 1837 he once more came to the United States; making his way direct to Wisconsin. In Detroit he met Governor Doty who advised him to go to Fond du Lac county, which he did. He then purchased six hundred and forty acres of government land, all of which was wild and unimproved, not a furrow having been turned nor a rod of fence built upon it. At the northern end of a lake which was on his property he erected a log house which he occupied for a year, and then built another log cabin on the east side of the lake, living in true pioneer style at that early period for it was almost impossible to obtain the comforts known to an older civilization. In 1848 he erected a frame residence which was the first frame house built in the town of Empire. There he lived until his death, which occurred on the 27th of December, 1881. In that year he started on an extensive trip through California and the west and died while away from home, his remains being interred on the banks of the Columbia river.

On the 4th of January, 1840, Gustave de Neveu was married to Harriet Putoff Bousman at Green Bay, Wisconsin. She was born on the island of Mackinac on the 16th of December, 1818, a daughter of John and Rosalie (LaBorde) Bousman. Mrs. de Neveu was one of seven children born to her parents and died on the 26th of December, 1906, at the age of eighty-eight years. To Mr. and Mrs. Gustave de Neveu were born eleven children: Mrs.

Matilda Tusten; Mrs. Julia Beeson; Edward, who is living in France; Emelie B., residing in Empire; Gustave, deceased; Frank Joseph; Arthur, who has passed away; Mrs. Virginia Darling; Mrs. Harriett Wright; George; and Lucy. For forty-four years Mr. de Neveu was a resident of Fond du Lac county and was closely connected with the work of general improvement and development. He was among those who first reclaimed the land for the purpose of civilization, transforming an entire section from a wild tract into one of rich fertility. His name is associated with many of the early events which shaped the history of the county and his record deserves a prominent place on the pages of this history.

CHARLES WESLEY KEYS.

Scientific and efficient methods are factors in modern agriculture. Improvements are constantly being made in the machinery and implements of soil culture and farming has now become a science. Exhaustive study of the composition of the soil, its fertilization and productivity and also of the means of insect extermination and weed elimination is made, the work is systematized and living conditions are greatly improved by the installation of modern urban conveniences. One who has taken advantage of this marvelous advancement in a field of labor as old as history and whose standards and methods have been vitally influenced and guided thereby is Charles W. Keys, cultivating one of the largest and most up-to-date farms in Empire township, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, a progressive, modern and thoroughly intelligent agriculturist. His farm has been improved and equipped with all the new agricultural machinery upon the market. It is today representative in Fond du Lac county and owes its remarkable development entirely to the sagacious management and activities of its owner.

Charles W. Keys was born upon the farm which he operates, his natal day being August 23, 1865. He is of Irish ancestry, and his father, George Keys, was a native of County Fermanagh, where his birth occurred on March 17, 1821. The grandparents of our subject were Andrew and Hannah (Crooks) Keys, who lived and died in Ireland. The family was established in America by their six sons, George, the father of our subject and his five brothers who left their native country at an early date and came direct to Wisconsin where they rented farms which they operated for some time. George, who crossed the Atlantic in 1848 opened in 1850 a general store in Fond du Lac and was successful in the mercantile line for five years. He was however, keenly interested in agricultural pursuits and soon gave up his commercial enterprise in favor of farming. In 1855 George W. Keys bought a tract of wild land in Empire township and with true Irish buoyancy and determination set about to transform it into one of the highly improved and substantial properties in the district. Before his death his ambition was accomplished. He built a comfortable and commodious frame house upon his property which is the family homestead today and is one of the most beautifully situated and quiet dwellings in Fond du Lac county. He made extensive and suitable improvements in his equipment from time to time and added to his holdings at different periods. At the time of his death on July 24, 1889, he represented all that was scientific and progressive in agricultural life. George Keys had married before he left Ireland in 1848. His wife in her maidenhood was Miss Jane Moffat, who came to America with her husband and died in Fond du Lac county in October, 1879, in the fifty-first year of her age. To their union were born eight children: Jane; Katherine, who died in 1900; Mary, who died in infancy; Hugh Crooks, who died in New York city in 1891; Hannah C.; George, who died in infancy; George, the second of the

name, who is now residing in St. Paul; and Charles Wesley, the subject of this sketch.

Charles W. Keys attended the country schools of Empire township and took a course in the Oshkosh State Normal School, with the intention of becoming a teacher; however, he never followed this profession. After completing his course at the State Normal School he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was active in commercial lines, in partnership with his brother George for one year. He then returned to the home farm and has since continuously resided in Empire township. When his father died Charles Keys took entire charge of the farm and under his control the land which in his father's time had been well developed and highly improved has constantly increased in productiveness and fertility until it is now one of the model farms of Empire township. Mr. Keys has greatly enlarged his barns and outhouses, has remodeled the old structures and built new ones and has closely followed in his father's footsteps in improved and scientific methods of agricultural development.

On January 21, 1892, Mr. Keys was united in marriage to Miss May Belle Margaret Averill, a daughter of Veranus Averill of New York state, who left the east to settle in Eden township, Fond du Lac county, where his daughter was born. Veranus Averill was a native of Plattsburg, New York, where his birth occurred on June 7, 1829. His wife was born in the same town May 8, 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Keys are the parents of seven children, George W., Harry Potter, Hugh C., Averill, Margaret, H. Clementina and Wesley.

Mr. Keys gives his allegiance to the democratic party and is a prominent and representative factor in local public affairs. He is now town clerk and served for several years as chairman of Empire township, doing efficient and conspicuously successful work in this capacity. From 1899 to 1900 he was sheriff and has served his fellow citizens with honor and distinction in many different capacities. His public life has always been marked by liberal views, perfect honesty and trustworthiness. He has never been known to give his influence to a cause which he believed to be unjust, and regard for the interest of the people has always been a vital force in his public career. He is a member of the Episcopal church, and with this denomination his sister Jane, who makes her home with him, also affiliates. As one of the progressive and scientific agriculturists of Fond du Lac county Mr. Keys has done his most important work in life. He is a successful farmer, stock-raiser and an extensive breeder of thoroughbred horses. Fond du Lac county is richer by many acres of well cultivated land, improved and developed along scientific principles as a result of his activities. The good work which his father began Charles W. Keys has carried on along progressive lines to his present degree of success.

GEORGE T. FRENCH.

Busily occupied in the development and improvement of his farm, George T. French is the owner of a valuable property, situated on section 20, Oakfield township, and in addition is interested in other business enterprises. He was born in the town of Oakfield, May 25, 1858. His father, Harmon J. French, a native of Massachusetts, was born in 1817 and died in 1883, after devoting his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He was one of Wisconsin's pioneer settlers, coming to the state in 1848, at which time he took up his abode in Oakfield township, Fond du Lac county. In his farming operations he won success as the years passed by. He married Eliza Stoddard, who was born in Massachusetts in 1826 and passed away in 1871. The old family homestead which the parents purchased many years ago is now in possession of their son, George, who was thereon reared and pursued his education in the district

schools of Oakfield township until he reached the age of nineteen years. He was the second in a family of five children. Harmon, the eldest, died at the age of eight years. William, a farmer of Oakfield township, is married and has two children, Anna and Marjorie, the former the wife of John Hodge, of LeRoy, Dodge county, and the mother of one son, William. Eliza, the fourth member of the family, died at the age of eleven years. Edward, the youngest, is a carpenter of Idaho.

As previously stated, George T. French was reared on the old home place, where he now resides, and attended the public schools. The summer months were devoted to farm work and after leaving school his entire time and attention were given to the further improvement of the old homestead. When his father died he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the property, which has been his since 1894. It comprises one hundred and twenty acres of land, five of which is woodland. The remainder is tillable and has been brought under a high state of cultivation through the energy and diligence of the owner. Upon the place are twenty-five head of cattle and six horses. He makes a specialty of the dairy business, finding in it a profitable source of income. He also raises hay, barley, oats and corn and disposes of his crops in the local market. He has good improvements upon his place and an air of neatness and thrift pervades the farm, while the spirit of industry is ever manifest. Moreover, in other business connections Mr. French is well known, being a stockholder in the Oak Center Co-operative Dairy Company of Oak Center, Wisconsin, and in the Oak Center and Lagonda Telephone Company of Oakfield township.

On the 18th of November, 1896, in Oakfield, Mr. French was united in marriage to Mrs. Lizzie Schuler, a widow. Mr. French belongs to the Equitable Fraternal Union and also to the Green Bay Fraternal Union. In his political views he is a republican and has held some local offices, serving as road superintendent for fifteen years, while for six years he was clerk of the school board. He is interested in all matters relating to the public welfare and his cooperation can be counted upon to further movements for the general good. He has been a lifelong resident of the county, covering a period of fifty-four years, and has ever been an interested witness of its growth and development.

JOHN MOFFAT.

The flourishing and highly improved farm which John Moffat is operating in Empire township descended to him from his father. Mr. Moffat has never left the old homestead nor relinquished the occupation in which he was reared, and his years of enterprising and concentrated efforts have gained him a representative and prominent place among his fellow agriculturists. He is a native of Fond du Lac county where his birth occurred in the crude log cabin which his father erected in the early days of the pioneer settlement of the district. He is a son of William and Elizabeth Murray (Thom) Moffat, who came from their native country of Scotland to Wisconsin in 1850, settling in Fond du Lac county and eventually becoming prominent and widely esteemed. William Moffat worked in the mills at Taycheedah and was successful in this capacity for two years. He also engaged in working as a farm laborer for several years and thus fostered an ambition to become a property owner which had a direct influence upon his later career. He was enabled by much economy and strict attention to business to purchase in 1851 an eighty acre farm in Empire township. He was obliged to clear the land and built for himself a little log cabin upon his holdings. Here he resided for a number of years and in this house his children, John and Mary, were born. In 1871 William Moffat built a commodious and convenient house upon his farm and equipped it with every modern convenience. It was here that he lived from 1871



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MOFFAT

until his death in 1904 at the age of eighty-six years. His wife survived him until December, 1905, when she passed away in her eighty-eighth year.

John Moffat was reared at home and received his education in the district schools of Empire township. He was brought up amid the scenes and labors of the farm and at an early age showed a decided inclination to make agriculture his life work. In pursuance of this ambition he eagerly applied himself to the labors which fell to his lot and gained a practical and thorough knowledge of the details connected with the cultivation of the soil. His farm is fertile and highly developed and owes its flourishing condition to his continued and concentrated energy.

Politically Mr. Moffat gives his allegiance to the republican party in national issues but never allows this affiliation to influence his personal convictions in matters of local import. He has never sought office but is widely known in Fond du Lac county as a man interested in every movement tending to the promotion of the moral, intellectual and material welfare of this section of the country. His father and mother were devout adherents of the Presbyterian faith but Mr. Moffat does not affiliate with any denomination and entertains a liberal view in regard to religious matters. He is widely recognized as a man who leads an exemplary life in private as well as in public and the quality of his citizenship is evidenced by his continuous and unremitting activity in an honorable career.

JAMES H. BEIRNE.

James H. Beirne, a well known and successful agriculturist residing on section 22, Oakfield township, is the owner of four hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred on the 12th of February, 1853, at a place along the line of the railroad between Chester and Burnett in Dodge county, for his father at that time had a grading contract with the Northwestern Railroad and he and his wife were necessarily living in the railroad camp. His father, John Beirne, was born in County Longford, Ireland, on the 30th of December, 1815, and when a young man of twenty-one years crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in New York, where he spent five years. On the expiration of that period, in 1842, he came to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, settling on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of government land in Oakfield township, for which he paid a dollar and a quarter an acre. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he augmented his landed holdings by additional purchases until at the time of his death he owned five hundred and twenty-five acres. His demise occurred on the 22d of June, 1903, after a residence of more than six decades in this county. For one year he carried mail between Fond du Lac and Milwaukee, walking the entire distance and carrying the mail on his back. He followed an Indian trail which led across streams and rivers, which he was obliged to swim. The Indians became his friends and he therefore encountered no hostility even at that early period. It was about 1845 that he wedded Miss Lucy Randall, who was born in the state of New York on the 4th of February, 1827. The record of their children is as follows: Mary Jane, who died at the age of five years; Clarissa, whose demise occurred in 1881; Lucy A.; James H., of this review; Thomas F.; John E.; Ella L., who died in infancy; Ella L., the second of the name; Eliza J.; and Mary E.

James H. Beirne attended the district schools of Oakfield township until eighteen years of age and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until twenty-five years old. Subsequently he operated the place on shares for his father until the latter's death in 1903. At that time he bought the interest of the other heirs in the original old homestead

and later extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces four hundred and fifty acres. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he also raises stock and in both branches of his business has met with a gratifying measure of success. At the present time he has ninety head of registered, pure-bred Guernsey cattle and sixteen head of horses. He is widely recognized as a man of keen discernment and excellent executive ability and his cooperation has been sought in the management and control of several local interests. He was president of the County Fair Association, president of the Oakfield Telephone Company, president of the Oakfield Elevator Company and a stockholder in the Bank of Oakfield.

On the 3d of September, 1877, Mr. Beirne was united in marriage to Miss Lodema Hubbard, of Oakfield, by whom he had four children, as follows: Charles, who passed away on the 10th of September, 1897; George I., who married Regina Withieu, by whom he had three children, Alice and two who died in infancy; Edith, whose demise occurred on the 17th of February, 1912; and Evaline, who is the wife of Abel Bristol, of Oakfield. On the 16th of September, 1892, at Fox Lake, Wisconsin, Mr. Beirne wedded Miss Ernestine Parduhn, a daughter of Carl and Eva R. (Erdmann) Parduhn, who were born in Germany in the years 1838 and 1837 respectively. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1895, Mr. Parduhn was living on a farm in Lomira, Dodge county. His wife was called to her final rest in 1908. To James H. and Ernestine (Parduhn) Beirne have been born three children: Edward J., Elsie E. and Agnes R.

In his political views Mr. Beirne is independent, supporting the men and measures that he deems will best conserve the general welfare without regard to party affiliation. He has been road superintendent for five years and has acted as clerk of the school board for two years. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In the community where his entire life has been spent he enjoys the regard and esteem of an extensive circle of friends. Earnest effort and intelligently directed labor have ever constituted the salient features of his business career, while his life has been governed by high principles that have gained for him the respect and good-will of his fellowmen.

BARTHOL P. JAEGER.

Germany has given to Fond du Lac county many sturdy, intelligent and enterprising citizens who are closely connected with the development of agricultural interests in this region. Prominent among these is Barthol P. Jaeger, whose industry, careful direction and perseverance have made him one of the prosperous farmers of this section. The family was founded in America by Barthol P. Jaeger, the grandfather, who with his wife, Helen (Kraemer) Jaeger, and four children, came to the United States from Germany in 1848. He immediately settled in the town of Ashford, Fond du Lac county, where he purchased a tract of timber land. He cut down the trees and built a little log cabin which he and his family occupied for many years. He became extensively engaged in farming, which occupation claimed his attention and energies until his death on April 20, 1890 at the age of eighty-two. His wife survived him until 1908 and passed away in Fond du Lac at the age of ninety-four.

Berthram Jaeger, the father of Barthol P. Jaeger, was one of the four small children brought by their parents to America in 1848. He was born at Koeln near the Rhine, in Germany, in 1844, and was the third of a family of seven children, three of whom were born in America. He became an active assistant to his father in the early development of the Jaeger homestead farm and later

engaged in farming on his own account. He was married January 15, 1867, to Miss Susanna Hilbert, a daughter of Nicholas and Katherina (Zimet) Hilbert. Mrs. Jaeger was born in the town of Ashford, in 1848. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Berthram Jaeger located upon part of the old homestead farm and his attention was given to general agricultural pursuits until 1863, when he enlisted in the Thirty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was wounded twice and after participating in many of the most prominent engagements of the regiment was honorably discharged in 1865. He again resumed farm life in Fond du Lac county and became recognized as one of the prominent and representative men of his district. He was deeply interested in education and served as clerk of the school board for eighteen years, doing conspicuously able work in that connection. He and his wife still reside upon the old homestead and are numbered among the most worthy and valued residents of the community. In their family were eight children: Barthol, who died in infancy; Barthol P., the second of the name and the subject of this sketch; Lena; Katherine; William; Adam; Peter; and Anna.

Barthol P. Jaeger was born in the primitive log cabin which his grandfather built upon first settling in Fond du Lac county. He spent his childhood with his parents and from early youth was familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His father was a firm believer in the value of education and gave his children the best advantages in that direction which the county afforded. Barthol Jaeger, therefore, was a pupil in the "little red schoolhouse" near the home farm and pursued his studies until twenty-two years of age, using every opportunity afforded him for his ambition in that direction was stimulated by his father. His studies were pursued with characteristic determination and vigor throughout the winter months while in the summer seasons he worked in the fields. The experience gained at that time has been a valuable asset to him in his later life and is one of the secrets of his success. He assisted his father in the work of the home farm until his marriage, when his father gave him eighty acres of land in Ashford township. Barthol Jaeger then left the old homestead and took up his residence upon his own place. For seventeen years he improved his land, which is situated near Ashford, and fifteen years ago he purchased a second farm near Eden. He carries on his work along thoroughly modern and scientific lines and is progressive in all that he undertakes. He has personal knowledge of every detail of farm life and has bent his energies toward making his properties model farms of Fond du Lac county. In addition to his agricultural interests he is connected with the Town Line Cheese Factory, which he aided in establishing in 1911, being in fact the prime mover in instituting this enterprise. He is now acting as secretary of the company and his identification with the business has been one of the strong features in its continued success.

On the 18th of June, 1896, Barthol P. Jaeger was united in marriage to Miss Margaretha Kumba, a native of Columbia county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Philip and Phoebe Kumba. Her father, Philip Kumba, was born April 29, 1821, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and was twenty-one years of age when he came to the United States in 1842. He resided near Sing Sing, in Winchester county, New York, until the year 1850, and then came westward to Wisconsin, settling in the town of Manchester, Green Lake county. He resided in that district until 1858, when he removed to the town of Randolph, Columbia county, Wisconsin, where he resided to the time of his death, in 1896. He had two brothers and four sisters. After coming to Wisconsin he served as supervisor of Randolph township for two years and was also elected to the office of justice of the peace. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and his religious faith was that of the Roman Catholic church. Columbia county had but a small population when he and his wife arrived in Wisconsin and they had to do their trading in Portage, Watertown and Mil-

waukee, driving to those towns with ox teams for there were no railroad accommodations at that period. It was on the 30th of November, 1845, in New York city, that he was married to Phoebe Blochwitz, a daughter of Jacob Blochwitz, who was born in Loahnfeldt, Bavaria, Germany, November 21, 1826, and was nineteen years of age when, in 1845, she came to this country. She lived at Sing Sing, Winchester county, New York, until 1850, when she accompanied her husband to Wisconsin. The parents of Mrs. Jaeger were both natives of Germany, and became early residents of Wisconsin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jaeger were born two children, Susanna and Phoebe, twins whose birth occurred October 20, 1898.

Politically Mr. Jaeger gives his support to the republican party. He has never been an office seeker but like his father has ever manifested a keen interest in educational development. He has been clerk of the school board for four years and in this connection has done important service for the educational interests of the town of Eden. He holds membership in the Roman Catholic church at Campbellsport and is an active worker for its upbuilding and growth. His business sense is well developed. His broadening experience and his enterprise have enabled him to pass in the journey of life many who started out before him. Gradually he has advanced to the goal of success and he is now one of the prosperous, enterprising and representative agriculturists of Fond du Lac county.

HUGH GAFFNEY.

Hugh Gaffney is numbered among the successful farmers of Eldorado township, in which he resides. He was born in Eldorado in 1860 and is the son of Thomas and Julia (Duffy) Gaffney, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Hugh Gaffney is by trade a carpenter and is employed in that capacity with the Northwestern Railway Company.

At Fond du Lac, January 28, 1883, Mr. Gaffney was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Mackin, a daughter of Patrick and Ann (Burns) Mackin. The father of Mrs. Gaffney settled in Eldorado township before the railroad was built through that part of the county, being one of the pioneers of Eldorado. The farm owned by Mrs. Gaffney was the original homestead of her parents and is now operated by her son John. Mr. and Mrs. Gaffney have three children: John, who is married and is now twenty-seven years of age; Julia, who is twenty-five years of age; and May, aged twenty-three. Mr. Gaffney is a member of the Catholic church and is numbered among the substantial citizens of Fond du Lac county.

OTTO W. HOFFMAN.

Otto W. Hoffman is the well known and popular proprietor of the National Hotel of Waupun. He was born in Fond du Lac, September 1, 1865, and is a son of Robert K. and Henrietta (Gerhard) Hoffman, both of whom were natives of Germany, who emigrated to America in 1858, settling in Fond du Lac. The father was by occupation a locomotive engineer and followed that occupation during his entire life. He was one of the first of his class of engineers in Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman two children were born: Robert C., who is a locomotive engineer and lives in Minneapolis; and Otto W., of this review.



PATRICK MACKIN

The last named was reared at home and received his early education in the public schools of Fond du Lac, completing his school years in the German Academy of that place at the age of fourteen. Immediately after leaving school he was employed as a clerk by the C. J. Pettibone Company, which at that time was the largest merchandising firm in Fond du Lac. He later was engaged as manager of a store at Ashland, Wisconsin. In 1905 he removed to Waupun and there engaged in the hotel business, in which he has since continued, being the present proprietor of the well known National Hotel of Waupun.

Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage on the 8th of April, 1890, in the Episcopal church at Waupun, to Miss Deborah B. Warren, a daughter of William E. and Amanda J. (Colburn) Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Warren are the parents of three children: Deborah B., now Mrs. Hoffman; Alpha E., of Beloit, Wisconsin; and Minnie, who married Willard V. B. Campbell and lives in Medford, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are the parents of two children: Dorothy L., who was born May 13, 1897, and is attending the high school; and Charlotte M., whose birth occurred on the 22d of November, 1900.

Mr. Hoffman is independent in his political views, giving the benefit of his support to the men and measures which he considers of greatest benefit to the interests of the people. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church. He is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Waupun and one of the most popular and successful hotel men in this part of the state.

CARL J. HINN.

Carl J. Hinn for many years has been one of the representative residents of this county and has for some time been engaged in the coal and wood business in Fond du Lac. He is also the owner of a highly improved farm, comprising one hundred and fifty-five acres, to which he gives his careful attention. He was born in the township of Forest, in this county, on August 6, 1861. He is the son of George and Elizabeth (Seibel) Hinn, both of whom are natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. George Hinn emigrated to this country in 1849, locating in Forest township, Fond du Lac county. Here he engaged in the occupation of farming. In 1878 he purchased a large farm in the township of Empire, upon which he continued to live during the remainder of his life. To Mr. and Mrs. Hinn were born the following children: Dr. L. P. Hinn, of Fond du Lac; Carl J.; John; Otto; and Elizabeth, the wife of Fred Kramer. The father of this family died in 1898 at the age of seventy-six years and his wife in 1894 at the age of sixty-two. Both were members of the Lutheran church of this city.

Carl J. Hinn was reared at home and received his early education in the common schools. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his twenty-second year, at which time he engaged in farming for himself in the township of Empire, cultivating a farm of eighty-four acres which he owned in that township. He has since purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres in Fond du Lac township, on which he raises grain and engages in general farming pursuits. In January, 1902, he removed his residence to this city and is engaged in the general coal and wood business, besides managing his farm.

Mr. Hinn was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Krug, on the 14th day of February, 1884, a daughter of Henry and Katharina (Petri) Krug. Mr. and Mrs. Krug were the parents of five children, Margaretha, Anna, John, Katharina and George. To Mr. and Mrs. Hinn six children were born, as follows: Ella, Arthur, Selma, Hilda, Herbert and Olga. Ella is the wife of Henry Zoellner and to them four children have been born, Esther, Henry, Harold and Louis. Arthur is employed by his father. Selma is the wife of Arthur Kruse. Hilda, Herbert and Olga are still at home with their parents. Mrs. Hinn is a native of

Forest township and her parents were natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, who at a very early day emigrated from their native land to America and settled in Forest township, Fond du Lac county.

Carl J. Hinn has for many years been identified with the political affairs in his county, having served as assessor for the township of Empire for four years and as alderman of the sixteenth ward in this city for two years. He is at present a member of the city school board. Being a man of unusual energy and pronounced business ability he has succeeded in building up one of the largest coal and wood yards in Fond du Lac. He is progressive and is genial in his association with his fellow citizens and is regarded throughout the county as a man to be trusted and followed in all matters of public interest.

PETER T. KAUFMAN.

Peter T. Kaufman is the owner of forty acres of land on section 7, Byron township, devoted to general farming. His father, Peter Kaufman, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Fond du Lac county, was born in Germany, and emigrated to America in boyhood with his parents, who located in Wisconsin. Here he was reared to manhood and subsequently married Miss Bridget Brill, the mother of our subject. The father withdrew from active work in 1894 and is now living retired. Our subject is the eldest in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Matilda, who is deceased; Martha; Carl; Michael; John; Edward; and George.

Peter T. Kaufman passed his boyhood in very much the same manner as other lads who are reared in the country. He early began assisting in the plowing, planting and harvesting, thus acquiring a thorough knowledge of practical farming, long before attaining his maturity. His education was pursued in the district schools of Byron township, which he attended until he was sixteen years of age, and after laying aside his text-books he gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits. He assisted his father until the latter's retirement.

It was in Byron that Mr. Kaufman was married to Miss Frances E. Kettler, the eldest daughter and second in order of birth in a family of nine children. She is also descended from Fond du Lac pioneers, her parents having been early settlers of Byron township, where for many years the father was engaged in farming. He was born in Germany and at the age of twenty-three years came to the United States, his death occurring in this county. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman: Irene, Ruth and Ruby, the two latter twins.

Mr. Kaufman votes the democratic ticket. Both he and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church and are rearing their children in that faith. Descended from well known pioneer families they enjoy a wide acquaintance and have many friends, the majority of whom they have known since childhood.

ALVIN ANNIS.

Alvin Annis, resides on section 12, Fond du Lac township. He was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, April 14, 1879, and is the son of Julius B. and Lestina (Schneider) Annis. The father was born in the highlands of Scotland, July 21, 1848, and came to Wisconsin with his parents when he was two years of age. He received his early education and spent his youth and early manhood in De Pere. He followed agriculture during his active years and retired in 1895.

since which time he has resided in Milwaukee. The mother of our subject was born in Pennsylvania and came to Wisconsin with her parents when she was still a child. The journey was made in the early days of pioneer settlement and the train of which Mrs. Annis was a member traveled in camp wagons. She was united in marriage to Julius B. Annis in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and to their union were born six children: Adelbert, who married Miss Lizzie Schultz, by whom he has one child, Edna; Clarence, who married Miss Gertrude Wiles, by whom he has seven children; Jessie, the widow of M. Madden, who met death by an accident in 1899; Cecil, the wife of Jacob Fitzpatrick and the mother of two children, Orphia and Ethel; Alvin, our subject; and Adaline, the wife of Joseph Bruns and the mother of one child, Kenneth.

Alvin Annis was the son of poor parents and what education he acquired he gained for himself by hard work and incessant application. He was obliged to work during all but the winter months and at this period of the year he pursued his studies. Even in his early childhood his energy and ability were marked characteristics and his power of concentrated industry carried him through many difficult positions in his life. When he laid aside his books he assisted his father in the work of the farm until the latter retired in 1895. In that year Alvin Annis engaged in agriculture in the employ of others and carried on farming in this capacity for some years. He was later made a member of the Fond du Lac Fire Company and was successful in this line of activity for four years. He spent one season as city weed commissioner and in January, 1912, started upon his active career as a farmer.

On November 16, 1897, Mr. Annis was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Rochelle, a daughter of William and Agnes Rochelle, of Fond du Lac. The father came to this county in the early days of its settlement and was the oldest tailor in the district. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, eight of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Annis are the parents of two children, Floyd and Ormia.

In his political affiliations Mr. Annis is a firm democrat and takes an active interest in the movements of the local organization although he has never sought public office. His only other affiliation is his connection with the National Union and he is active in the affairs of that organization. He holds membership in St. Patrick's Catholic church, in which faith he was reared and in which he is educating his children. He is one of the progressive and representative farmers of Fond du Lac county and his success has been entirely the result of his energetic and honorable qualities. He has made his own career by hard work and indefatigable industry and has achieved at an early age an enduring prosperity.

PETER PAUL KNORR, D. D. S.

Dr. Peter Paul Knorr is one of the well known citizens of Waupun, where he is successfully engaged in the practice of dental surgery. He was born on the 14th of June, 1885, and is a son of Rudolph and Gusta (Wilms) Knorr, both of whom are natives of Wisconsin, the father's birth having occurred June 23, 1861, and that of the mother August 14, 1856. The paternal grandparents, Frederick and Regina (Weiss) Knorr, were both natives of Germany. Frederick Knorr emigrated to America when but sixteen years of age. He was first employed as a brewery hand in New York, whence he left for Pittsburgh, where he worked for a year. He then proceeded to Chicago and worked as a section hand, helping to build the Chicago-Peoria railroad. He left this position to go to St. Louis and there obtained work in a brewery as driver, remaining for four years. Here he met, courted and married Regina Weiss and soon after their marriage moved to Milwaukee. Here he was employed in the brewery now

owned by the Schlitz Brewing Company, and while in their employ helped to install the first copper boiler for brewing ever installed in Wisconsin. In the early 40's they moved to Waupun, where they made their home. The grandmother passed out of this life at the age of eighty-three. The grandfather is still living and able to engage in active work at the advanced age of ninety years. One child was born to them, a son, Rudolph, who after fifty-one years of life on this earth died at St. Agnes' Hospital at Fond du Lac. Rudolph Knorr was educated in the Waupun northward school, but when fourteen years old set out to learn a trade. He choose blacksmithing and began his apprenticeship with the J. S. Morris Carriage Company, of Waupun, in 1878, and remained as a steady employe of J. S. Morris, being a main factor in the success of the firm. At the end of thirty years of constant service J. S. Morris presented him with a gold watch and gave him a part interest in the business. He was widely known and has a record that is a credit to him. He was the best man in the northwest in his trade. He became noted as an automobile repair smith and has repaired automobiles from every state in the union. About fifteen years ago he, with C. A. Shaler, built the first automobile ever owned and operated in Waupun, which was a success and the machine is still in use. Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Knorr were the parents of four children: Regina, who is twenty-nine years of age; Peter Paul, aged twenty-seven; Catherine, who is a graduate of the Trinity Hospital of Milwaukee and is twenty-five years of age; and Leo, twenty-three years of age.

Dr. Knorr was reared in his parents' home and received his early education in the public schools of Waupun. Immediately following his graduation from the high school he took up the study of dentistry in the dental department of Marquette University of Milwaukee and after completing the required course he later passed the state board examination June 15, 1911. On the 1st of July of that year he opened his offices in Waupun, where he has since continued to be engaged in the practice of dentistry. In addition to his regular office work he is also the attending dentist at the State Penitentiary. Dr. Knorr is affiliated with the republican party and is a communicant of the Catholic church. He is one of the rising young men of his community and his success as a practitioner of dental surgery is entirely due to his having thoroughly prepared himself for that profession by eleven years of apprenticeship with Welch & Loomans, of Waupun, and also to his careful and systematic attention to his business. He is a man interested in the public welfare of the community in which he lives and one of the influential men in the business and social affairs of his city.

GEORGE H. BRAFORD.

A native of Ashford township and one of the most prosperous and progressive farmers of the section is George Braford, who was born January 16, 1868. He is a son of Andrew and Katie (Parsel) Braford, natives of New York state, the former born in February, 1813, and the latter June 13, 1827. Their marriage occurred in New York state in 1841 and five years later they came west to Wisconsin, settling in Kenosha where they remained for four years. In 1850 they went to LeRoy and in 1856 settled on a farm now owned by the subject of this review. The father became well known and prominent in agricultural circles and was one of the individual factors in development along this line.

George Braford was one of a family of ten children. He was educated in the district schools of his native section and has been familiar with farming in all its aspects from his early childhood. By actual experience he learned the best methods of farm operation and upon this special efficiency has built up

a distinct and substantial prosperity. Under his management the work of improvement has been steadily carried forward upon the home farm which is in excellent condition as a result of his practical and progressive methods.

PHILLIP A. KRAEMER.

Phillip A. Kraemer is operating an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Ashford township in the interests of his father, who is living retired. He is closely associated with agricultural activity and has brought to the management of his enterprise business methods which will bear the closest scrutiny and a knowledge of farming in all its aspects which is the result of practical experience.

The Kraemer family is of German origin but its representatives have been farming in Wisconsin for three generations. It was founded in America by the grandfather of the subject of this review, Phillip Kraemer, who was born in Germany in 1819. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Anna Mary Seurer, was also a native of the fatherland, born in 1821. Their marriage occurred in Germany and there Phillip Kraemer followed the trade of wagon making until he left his native country. Crossing the Atlantic he came directly to Wisconsin where for some time he worked as a carpenter but eventually took up land in Calumet township in pioneer times. It was covered with a dense growth of timber which Phillip Kraemer cleared and from the lumber cut down built a small log cabin in which his son Nicholas, the father of our subject, was born. With resolute energy Phillip Kraemer set himself to the task of developing his farm and carried on the work of improvement until his death in 1862.

Nicholas Kraemer, the father of the subject of this review, went to the district school in Calumet township and as a boy assisted his father in the work of the farm, becoming an expert general agriculturist before he was twenty-one years of age. After he attained his majority he spent sixteen months in the lumber camps of northern Michigan on the Menominee river, but was obliged to return home on account of an injury to his foot. For some years he worked upon the home farm and upon neighboring properties and also did some carpentering, finally purchasing land of his own in Taycheedah. He settled upon this one hundred and four acres in 1879 and after developing the land for five years sold it, purchasing ninety-seven acres in Calumet township, near Calumet harbor. Here he lived for thirteen years at the end of which time he moved upon a farm in Fond du Lac township and for nine years operated and developed that property. At the end of that time he bought one hundred and twenty acres in Ashford township which he improved along modern and systematic lines, until his retirement in 1910. He married Miss Gertrude Hoffman, a daughter of Matthias Hoffman, who came over from Germany on the same vessel which brought the grandfather of our subject. To this union were born ten children: Matthias; Mary C.; Phillip A., of this review; Johannah M.; Alexius John; Annie K.; Lena Rosa; Caroline M.; Albert Nicholas; and Minnie G.

Nicholas Kraemer is living a retired life in the city of Fond du Lac, where he has bought property and where his upright and worthy qualities have gained him widespread respect and esteem. He is a devout adherent of the Catholic church.

A native of Fond du Lac county, Phillip A. Kraemer was born in 1883. He attended the district schools and from his early childhood has been identified with the operation of the home farm of which he now has full control. He has steadily carried forward his father's work of development, adhering to high standards of business integrity and has gained for himself a worthy place in agricultural circles.

In 1904, Mr. Kraemer was united in marriage to Miss Julia Hoffman, who was born in Mitchell county, Iowa. They have three children: Henry August, Florentina Johannah, and Estella Marie.

A young and energetic man of keen business discernment and inspired with an ambitious spirit, Phillip Kraemer has accomplished in a short time notable work in farming. He has steadily adhered to the standards of honor and integrity which made his father and his grandfather upright and sturdy men and at the same time has adopted the new and progressive ideas of the present generation, standing today as a worthy representative of all that is up-to-date and systematic in modern agricultural methods.

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